



Week Seven

Romans 15:14-33 "Living on Purpose"

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

This guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on the weekend message and apply it to your life. Leader's Notes have been included to help in your preparation. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there's no need to go through them all.

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ICEBREAKER OPTIONS

Choose one or two to begin your group time:

- When have you felt most "on mission" in your life—doing something you knew really mattered?
- Who is someone you've known who lives with clear purpose, and what about them inspires you?
- If you could dedicate one day this week fully to God's mission, what would you do?

1 Be on Mission with God

Key Scripture:

I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum. My aim is to preach the gospel where Christ has not been named, so that I will not build on someone else's foundation ... – Romans 15:19-20

Discuss:

- How can you view your everyday activities as part of God's mission? What would this look like practically?
- What holds you back from sharing the gospel where you live and work?
- Where is God calling you to step out in faith?

Leader's Note:

Paul lived intentionally with the gospel at the center of his purpose. When we remember that every day is a "holy day" and every place is "sacred ground," we begin to see opportunities all around us to live on mission.

2 Provide Support to Others on Mission

Key Scripture:

I no longer have any work to do in these regions, and I have strongly desired for many years to come to you whenever I travel to Spain. For I hope to see you when I pass through and to be assisted by you for my journey there, once I have first enjoyed your company for a while.
– Romans 15:23-24

Discuss:

- Why is encouragement and support so vital for those serving in ministry or missions? How can you or your family support others who are serving God's mission?
- How has someone's encouragement strengthened your faith journey?

Leader's Note:

Paul depended on the support and hospitality of other believers. God's mission is a shared mission—we are called to help and encourage one another so the work of the gospel can continue.

3 Give Financially to Those in Need

Key Scripture:

Right now I am traveling to Jerusalem to serve the saints, because Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem...So when I have finished this and safely delivered the funds to them, I will visit you on the way to Spain.
– Romans 15:25-28

Discuss:

- How is financial generosity connected to living on mission? How can we shift our financial focus from self-minded to Kingdom-minded?
- What opportunities do you see right now to bless others through generosity?

Leader's Note:

Giving is not just about money—it's about sharing in the spiritual work of God. Our resources are tools for kingdom impact, meeting practical needs and opening doors for the gospel.

4 Offer Prayers for Those Burdened

Key Scripture:

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in prayers to God on my behalf. – Romans 15:30

Discuss:

- How does prayer connect us to the needs of others?
- How does your prayer life reveal what you believe about God?
- What might change if you began “striving together” in prayer for others more consistently? What’s one step you can take towards that this week?

Leader’s Note:

Paul didn’t hesitate to ask for prayer. Prayer is the lifeline of mission and ministry. When we intercede for others, we share in their burdens and invite God’s power into their circumstances.

+ PRAY +

Invite group members to share who needs prayer in their life, then pray for one another’s burdens and needs. Thank God for the opportunity to live with purpose, and ask Him to help your group proclaim Christ, support others, give generously, and pray faithfully this week.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Living on Purpose: Be a Light in Your Community

You were placed in your community for a reason—don’t waste the opportunity.



The Challenge

Choose one of the following this week:

- **Invite a Neighbor or Couple to Dinner**

Be intentional about building friendship and trust.

- **Prayer Walk Your Neighborhood or In Your Community**

Walk your community and pray for everyone, asking God to bless, protect, save, and draw each family to Himself.

Bonus: Pair up with someone in your group or family to do this together!



Upcoming Events to keep on your group’s radar:

IMPACT Missions Conference - Nov. 5-9 | Illuminate - Dec. 1-4