

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Romans 15:14-24

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Romans 15:14-24:** What stands out to you in this text? Where does chapter 15 fall in the overall book and message of Romans?
2. What does the "American Dream" mean to you? What are the ambitions that our culture pursues and honors?
3. What have been your ambitions in life? Do they match with what Paul's ambitions are in Romans 15? Why or why not?
4. Why is it important that Paul took the gospel to the Gentiles? Why might have the Jews have been hesitant to spread the gospel to the Gentiles? What is the primary motivation for Paul in his mission?
5. What does it mean that Paul "fulfilled the gospel of Christ" from Jerusalem to Illyricum? (v. 19) What did this mean for Paul? What might this mean for churches in the 21st century? What might this mean for you?
6. How do you feel God is calling you to participate in the global missions? How might you be able to increase your involvement? What resources (money, time, influence) do you have that could aid in global missions?
7. Do you feel the Lord calling you personally to go and share the gospel to the nations? How might you be obedient to that call? What first steps might you take, even this week?
8. On Sunday, Pastor Nate said that Paul might have been 60 years old during his trip to Rome/Spain. How might this small fact encourage those, both young and old, in the mission of bringing the gospel to the nations?
9. **Application:** Spend some time as a group praying for the mission to the nations. Pray for one another to be obedient to God's call to participate in that mission, whatever it might be.