



# WHERE THERE IS NO CHURCH

## DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss the role of discipleship in reaching the world with the Gospel. Discuss how Christ empowers us to reach the whole world until all have heard.

## ICE BREAKER



If you could learn from anyone in history about a certain subject (outside of Jesus and biblical figures), who would it be and why?

## TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

## Romans 15:17-21 | ESV

<sup>14</sup> I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. <sup>15</sup> But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God <sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. <sup>18</sup> For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, <sup>19</sup> by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; <sup>20</sup> and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, <sup>21</sup> but as it is written,

“Those who have never been told of him will see,  
and those who have never heard will understand.”

## MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Reach until all have heard.

Key Question: How do we reach the world with the Gospel?

1. Believers disciple one another in mission. (vv. 14-16)
2. We are empowered by Christ. (vv. 17-19)
3. We go until all have heard. (vv. 20-21)

## DISCUSSION



- In this passage, Paul urges the church in Rome to share the Gospel. As concisely as possible, take turns practicing sharing the Gospel with each other. What key points need to be present to be faithful to the Gospel message?
- In verses 14-16, we see Paul discipling the church in Rome in mission (taking the gospel to unbelievers). What are some things you have been taught from other believers that have helped you in sharing the Gospel? Are you comfortable sharing the gospel, why or why not?
- **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** How does Jesus empower us to live on mission? In what ways are you tempted to rely on your own strength, instead of Christ's empowerment? How might your life and ability to share the Gospel look differently if you relied on Christ?
- In verses 20-21, Paul urges us to go until all have heard. What does it look like to be faithful to this call while living in Southeast Michigan? What are practical ways you can consistently engage with both local and global Gospel initiatives?
- In verse 19, Paul shares how his work started in Jerusalem and spread across the world, showing us that reaching the world starts with where you are now. Who are people (neighbors, family, friends, or coworkers) you can you share the Gospel with this summer?

## LIFE APPLICATION



After processing this text and looking at the Reach booklet given out on Sunday, what people group or area can we as a Life Group learn about and commit to pray for and support in this season? What rhythms can we incorporate to remind ourselves of this task?

*Dot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS




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