

# Session 10: Mission.

## How can we be ambitious with the gospel?

ROMANS 15–16

### KEY VERSE:

**‘Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel ... to the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen.’**

ROMANS 16.25,27 (NIV)

## Part I: What is our mission and how do we do it?

READ ROMANS 15

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### PAUL REVEALS AMBITIOUS MISSION PLANS:

‘I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you ...’

ROMANS 15.24 (ESV)

### WHAT WAS PAUL'S MOTIVATION?

‘... in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.’

ROMANS 15.9 (ESV)

‘In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God.’

ROMANS 15.17 (ESV)

### WHAT WAS PAUL'S METHOD?

‘... by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God ...’

ROMANS 15.18–19 (ESV)

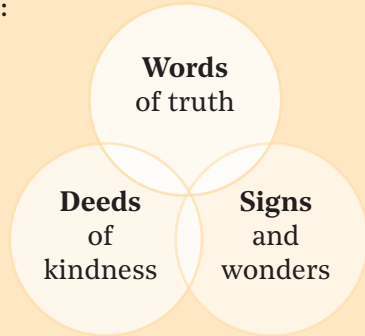
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We can share the gospel in three ways:

- What was Paul's mission?

'It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known ...'

ROMANS 15.20 (NIV)



## Discussion time

READ ROMANS 15.17–20

1. Consider your community and friends. What people or situations spring to mind where the power of the gospel is desperately needed?
2. Paul outlined three missional practices. Which comes most naturally to you and which are you prone to neglect? How can we become more intentional about each practice?

READ ROMANS 15.30–33

3. In verse 30, Paul says 'join me in my struggle'. Why can mission be a 'struggle'? What might it mean for us to share the gospel in ways that are ambitious and entrepreneurial today?

## Part II: The ground we've covered

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'For I am not ashamed of the gospel ...'

ROMANS 1.16 (NIV)

How confident are you in the gospel now?



### THE GOSPEL IS A ROOTED STORY

'... the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God ...'

ROMANS 16.25–26 (NIV)

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### THE GOSPEL IS A RELEVANT STORY

'... the obedience that comes from faith ...'

ROMANS 16.26 (NIV)

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### THE GOSPEL IS A RELATIONAL STORY

'... so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

ROMANS 15.6 (NIV)

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## Part II: Reflection time

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Looking back, what have you most appreciated about our adventure through Romans? What was new for you? What's changed in the way you think or act?



### PRAYER

Consider Paul's closing prayer in Romans 16.25–27. Ask God to help you become more rooted in the gospel and more confident to share it.

### NOTES:

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### READING SUGGESTIONS:

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- Chapter 10 of *Romans: A Letter That Makes Sense of Life* by Andrew Ollerton



### FEEDBACK:

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- We'd love to hear your reflections on your overall experience of *The Romans Course*. Use the QR code or visit [biblesociety.org.uk/romans-survey](https://biblesociety.org.uk/romans-survey) to let us know.

