

# Home Group Questions

the week of 4/29/2018

Romans 15:22-29

## LIVING ON PURPOSE

### GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on the book of Romans. This week's sermon focused on the biblical truth that we have an amazing purpose and mission that will have implications for all of eternity. Our greatest fulfillment in life is to live our lives according to the purpose Christ has given to us

### LOOKING IN THE WORD...

**1. Read Romans 15:22-29.** When you read this passage you have the sense that Paul is a very directed and impassioned man. He is a man "on a mission". Any reader of Paul's writings will clearly understand that Paul is passionate about his faith in Christ and passionate about making as much of an impact for Christ as possible.

- Even though Paul desires to go to Rome and then on to Spain, he feels compelled to bring a monetary gift back to the church in Jerusalem. Share as a group, times in which others have interrupted their schedules and what they wanted to do to help you with things going on in your life. What kind of feelings did that engender within you when someone acted in that way toward you? (i.e. humility, unworthiness, etc)

Paul clearly is motivated by building God's kingdom and growing the church. Pastor Mel shared some ways in which we can develop those kind of priorities in our lives as well. Read these together one by one and discuss them...and other steps you can take to build Godly priorities in your life like that of Paul:

- A. **Keep praying for and initiating impactful ways in which God can use you.**
- B. **Invite God into the process of planning your life, priorities, and agenda.**

- C. **Find ways in which your priorities can be lived out in your weekly schedule.**
- D. **Don't let good things crowd out God's best for you.**
- E. **Discover how God can use you most effectively through your: (GPA) Gifts, Passion, Abilities.**

**2. Read James 4:13-17.** Paul's life was all about seeking God's will in his daily agenda and his long term goals. This passage challenges us to not live a life of self-sufficiency and self-reliance while ignoring God. The passage helps us to understand that God is God and we are not.

- Where is the right balance between thinking about life as a vapor versus not becoming morbid and depressed? Since we're often blind to our own pride and tend to be self-reliant, how can we guard against pride? What is true biblical humility and how do you know when you have achieved it in your life?

- Clearly, James thinks we should invite God into our big plans and decisions. Where do you draw the line and basically make decisions on your own...and how do you know when a plan or decision needs more of God's involvement in your life? Discuss other key truths about this passage as a home group.

**3. Pastor Mel shared this chart about** steps available to us in living our lives according to the purposes and plans that God has for us. Discuss this chart and the steps that are most difficult for you, and those that are the easiest for you to incorporate into your life.

