

## **Romans 15.17-33**

### **How then will the world be won?**

We know that all the nations will be won for Jesus, but how will this happen? This passage shows us the New Testament method for reaching the nations with the gospel.

#### **1. The world will be won through signs and miracles (v18-19)**

Without power we will never break through ancient strongholds. Miracles lead people to Jesus. We desperately need more breakthrough in the supernatural.

#### **2. The world will be won through church planting (v19, 23)**

How could Paul say there was no more for him to do in this region? Because he had planted churches which would reach their region for Christ. There is no New Testament model for reaching new areas except by planting churches there! (Acts 16.9-10)

#### **3. The world will be won through a bias for the unreached (20-22)**

Paul had a bias for the unreached. So did Jesus (Mark 1.38). What can cause us to settle? Success, Caring for Christians, Age. None of these things stopped Paul.

#### **4. The world will be won through Holy Ambition (20-21)**

What is the significant idea that's shaping your life? What is the big dream that God has breathed into your heart? Ambition comes:

1. From scripture (v21) a prophetic vision of the future.
2. From nature. "*It has always been my ambition.*" Something God has wired into you.
3. From encounter. One encounter with Jesus can change you forever.

#### **5. The world will be won through remembering the poor (v25-27)**

Paul's heart for the poor meant his plans were interrupted, he went out of his way to help and he caught others up in serving.

#### **6. The world will be won through prayer (30-33)**

Praying for mission: join in their struggle, pray for rescue from unbelievers, pray success in their plans, pray for God's will to be done.

Whether you are someone who will go or someone who will stay, don't compromise on any of these values for mission. Don't settle for anything less than the New Testament method!

### **Questions for personal application**

1. Do you desire breakthrough in the power of the Holy Spirit? How can this breakthrough come?
2. Do you feel called to be involved in church planting one day? How can we help you to pursue this calling?
3. How can this cell group keep reaching unreached people? How can we make sure we don't settle?
4. Do you have a holy ambition that is shaping your life? You don't have to share this – take a moment to try and write it down.
5. What issues of poverty or injustice provoke you? How can you go out of your way to help?
6. Are you satisfied with your prayer effort? How can you grow your prayer life individually/ as a cell group?