

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of Mar 11-17

Romans 1:8-15: A Gospel-Centered Prayer

Synopsis: Paul is thankful to God for the faith of the church in Rome and prays earnestly for them. Though he hasn't been able to visit them yet, he repeatedly asks God for the opportunity to strengthen the believers there and reap a spiritual harvest among them. God has laid on him an obligation to preach the gospel among all the nations, and that includes Rome.

Into the Bible

1. What does it mean that he serves God with his spirit (v. 8)?
2. Paul badly wants to get to Rome, yet he is submitted to God's will (v. 10). What does it look like to submit our desires to God's will?
3. What sort of "fruit" or "harvest" do you think Paul refers to in v. 13? Explain your answer.
4. What "spiritual gifts" could he share with them (v. 11)?

5. What are some of the things we learn about Paul's heart in this passage?

Application

6. What kind of encouragement do you think Paul needed? What kinds of encouragement do you need?
7. Paul's gospel obligation (v. 14) is to all kinds of people. Have you ever thought that true Christian maturity just might not be realistic for people like you? How does this verse answer you?
8. Are you encouraged by the faith of others? Do you seek encouragement from the faith of others? What kinds of encouragement do you seek?