

Ministry Cues from Paul (part 2)

Romans 15:19-16:27

1. Paul was committed to taking the gospel to the lost
2. Paul was committed to encouraging the saints, as well as drawing strength from them
3. Paul was committed to collecting resources for the needy in the church
4. Paul was committed to a prayer-based ministry
5. **Paul was committed to a relational ministry (16:1-16)**
6. **Paul was committed to a diverse ministry (1-16)**
 - a. Multi-gender
 - b. Multi-ethnic
 - c. Multi-generational
 - d. Multi-socioeconomic
7. **Paul was committed to unity (17-19)**
8. **Paul was confident in the Lord's power to accomplish His purpose in you (20-27)**

For Further Study and Reflection

Finding the Right Hills to Die On by Gavin Ortland

Engendered by Sam Andreaades

Two Views on Women in Ministry edited by Stanley N. Gundry and James R. Beck

What is the Mission of the Church? By Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert

Bethel Church Position Papers:

Men & Women Serving In Ministry - <https://tinyurl.com/yc53fcac>

Human Sexuality & Gender - <https://tinyurl.com/yt6hp74u>

Small Group Questions:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, that “11 o’clock on Sunday morning is one of the most segregated hours... in Christian America.” Is this still true 60 years after he said it? Why or why not?
2. What is wrong with a homogeneous church composition? Why is diversity a value for the Apostle Paul?
3. What is there to be proud about in the list of names mentioned by Paul?
4. What are potential areas of “mission creep” mentioned by Pastor Eric? What are other areas that may not have been mentioned?
5. What challenges was the church in Rome dealing with? What assurances does Paul give to the challenged church in Rome?