

Sincerely

Romans 15:14 – 16:27

Getting Started

1. Ah, Mothers Day! Below are seven “stereotypes” of mothers. Choose the one which comes closest to describing your mother. Why did you choose this one? How does she differ from the stereotype?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bon-Bon Eating Mom | <input type="checkbox"/> Martyr Mom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Crazed Mom | <input type="checkbox"/> Glam Mom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super Mom | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Goddess |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24/7 Bliss Mom | |



In the Word (The text for this week’s discussion is Romans 15:14 – 16:27)

Groups are not expected to discuss all questions!

- Let’s review the beginning as we come to the end of Romans! (Romans 1:1-7, 14-17 and 15:14-22)
 - What similarities do you see between this part of the beginning and this part of the end?
 - What is Paul’s purpose or his mission?
 - What is his message?
 - Do you see any differences between the beginning and the end? Is this significant?
- (Romans 15:23-33) Let’s look at the work Paul reveals he is involved in as he finishes this letter.
 - What does Paul say about the relationship of Jews and Gentiles in this passage?
 - In what work has Paul become involved because of this relationship (Gentiles-Jews)?
 - Paul plans to visit at least two places after going to Jerusalem and Judea, what are they?
 - From what he says, how are these two places woven together in his plan?
 - (Extra, bonus! Did he make it? See Acts 21-28; Is this the way you believe he had it planned?)
- (Romans 16) How is this passage significant to believers today (since we don’t know these people?)
 - Why list all these people and send these greetings?
 - How does Romans 16:17-19 relate to Paul’s mission as an apostle to the Gentiles?
 - Anything else you’d like to mention?

Application

- Perhaps you’ve experienced times in your life when you seem to have “lost” a sense of your “purpose” or “mission” as a follower of Jesus Christ. How has/could reading Romans help maintain spiritual focus?
- Think about your list of those to whom you would want to send “greetings” like Paul. This week, send a note to at least one of the people on your list; like Paul, try to be specific.

Prayer Time:

Folks who are a part of Grand Central are actively involved in missions similar to Paul’s (proclaiming Jesus, taking aid from those who are blessed to those who are in need). Please pray for those who have gone to Myanmar and Papua New Guinea. Also, keep the group going to Honduras in your prayers. By later summer several (at least five) will be moving to China. Of course, there are also those we support in India, Thailand, and elsewhere.