What Can We Learn from Paul's Ministry To-Do List? - Romans 15:14-33

We learn that faithful ministry <u>aims</u> to produce a people who are "sanctified by the Holy Spirit" (15:14-16).

We learn that faithful ministry is <u>accomplished</u> by Christ working though us and by the power of the Spirit of God (15:17-19).

We learn that faithful ministry <u>prioritizes</u> the need for work to be done where Christ has not yet been named (15:20-21).

We learn that faithful ministry <u>allows</u> our own desires to take a back seat to the gospel needs before us (15:22-24).

We learn that faithful ministry <u>pursues</u> and protects church unity by actions of love (15:25-29).

We learn that faithful ministry is <u>supported</u> by and striven for through the prayers of many (15:30-33).

Questions for Discussion & Application

- 1. What questions do you have about today's passage?
- 2. In what way can you personally learn from the Apostle Paul's ministry to-do list?
- 3. What kinds of things might a church or ministry wrongly aim for if the aim is not to produce a people who are sanctified by the Holy Spirit?
- 4. How can we prioritize the need for missionary work to be done where Christ has not yet been named?
- 5. What personal desires or preferences might the Lord want to take a back seat to the gospel needs that are before you?
- 6. What actions of love might the Lord lead you to do in order to pursue and protect unity in our own church family?
- 7. What things do we need to be striving for together in prayer? How can you grow in this?