



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

November 9th, 2025 | Romans 15:22-33 | Pastor Greg Doty

**Series // Transformed : Romans 12-16**

### **Summary**

In this week's sermon, Pastor Greg talked about offering our bodies as a "living sacrifice," as Paul mentioned in chapter 12. Pastor Greg talked about our tendency to view Jesus as a "genie in a bottle" who we reach out to when things get complicated and how we otherwise seek our own comfort and success in this world. However, Paul shows us that we should offer ourselves up for the mission, for others, and in prayer. In these passages, Paul explains why he has not visited the church in Rome because he has been sharing the Gospel throughout the world, telling Gentiles about Jesus and planting churches in these places. He also shows us that this mission has no end, as he is hoping to reach Spain with the Gospel as well. This was not only Paul's mission, but also ours. God has a mission to see the Gospel reach the ends of the earth, and he has established his church to accomplish that mission. This had become Paul's mission, and it should become ours as well. Paul also talks about offering ourselves up for others. He invites the church in Rome to support the church in Jerusalem, which is going through a difficult time. He explains that, as the Gospel transforms us, we ought to become generous towards others, seeking to fill their every need as we have received all we need from God himself. Lastly, Paul tells us to offer ourselves up in prayer. We should be praying fervently for others in need. If they are suffering, then we pray as if we were suffering ourselves. In that same way, we pray fervently for those who do not yet know Jesus.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **Offer ourselves for the mission**

- In what ways can comfort or personal success distract us from the true purpose of the Gospel?
- How does Paul's example challenge the way we think about our mission as Christians?
- What are some people in your life that God might be calling you to reach?

#### **Offering ourselves for others**

- What motivates Paul and the other churches to give so generously?
- How does generosity show evidence of a heart transformed by God?
- How can we be more intentional in giving of our resources (time, money, attention, and compassion) to those in need?

**Offer ourselves in prayer**

- How might prayer prepare us to be part of God's mission?
- Think of someone who does not yet know Jesus—how can you begin praying for them this week?

**Commit to the challenge: Pray for someone by name for the next two weeks, asking God to open opportunities to share Christ with them.**