



Small Group Discussion Notes

Romans: The Letter that Changed the World

Together We Struggle and Strive

Romans 15:14-33

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Warm Up

If you had the opportunity to direct/produce a movie (story/genre of your choice), who are the top 3 actors you would want to work with?

Digging Deeper

Read Romans 15:14-33

Much of this passage deals with Paul's travels and at first glance might not seem overly important or directly relevant to us today. Take a few moments to share what insights you might be able to gain for a passage like this?

Paul is very intentional about not boasting about the fruit that comes from the work he is called to, rather he attributes any success to Christ. Why does he do this? He is involved in the process after all.

Paul is an initiator (see 15:20), he likes to share the gospel with people who have never heard it, and plant churches that other believers oversee, rather than building upon a spiritual foundation that has been built by others or staying in one place for an extended period of time. What are the benefits of this? What drawbacks might there be with this perspective?

Do you consider yourself more of an initiator like Paul, or do you prefer to invest in more long-term discipleship?

Look through this passage and identify how many different times Paul speaks to the idea of partnership or support from the larger Church.

Read Romans 15:30 again (Read both ESV and NIV if possible) and consider how Paul's invitation resonates with you.

Why is it so vital for the church to be on mission together? To pray for one another?

Next Steps

What can you do to more intentionally, struggle/strive with the collective church body?

Who can you be praying for within the church community?

For a long time, Paul wanted to go to Rome to connect with the believers there. Who is one person at MVC that you have wanted to connect/serve with but have never gotten around to doing so? What steps can you take to make this happen?

Final Thoughts

Take time as a group to pray for God to work through MVC in new and impactful ways.