



- A. We belong to the redemptive story. (**Romans 15:8-9a; Psalm 18:49; Deuteronomy 32:43; Psalm 117:1; Isaiah 11:10**)
- B. We belong to a people who worship and enjoy God. (**Romans 15:9b-12; Isaiah 6:1-8; Revelation 5:5; 22:16**)
- C. We belong to the living hope. (**Romans 15:13; Matthew 12:21; 1 Peter 1:3**)

A. We are people who believe the gospel. (**Romans 1:16-17; Acts 4:12**)

B. We are moreover people who believe the gospel's transformational effect. (**1 Peter 2:9; Matthew 5:13-16**)

A. We are a people who go. (Ephesians 3:10; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

B. We are a people that go to the entire world. (Matthew 28:19-20; Isaiah 52:15)

A. Now, how do we embody this mission?

1. We all pray for the spread of God's praise among all the peoples of the world.
2. We all send/give for the spread of God's praise among all the peoples of the world. (Romans 15:34-35; Romans 16:1-16)
3. We all go for the spread of God's praise among all the peoples of the world.

# SERMON REFLECTIONS

## **Romans 15:7; 14-21**

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. 15 But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17 In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. 18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, 19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; 20 and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, 21 but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand."

1. How is the mission and purpose of the church unfolded in history from creation until now? How is that consistent with the church today and continued in the church today?
2. How is worship and enjoyment of God the means for the church's mission? What does this look like in your life and the life of the church?
3. Who are the "outsiders" you are sent to worship the name of Jesus "among" and "with"?
4. What makes the church different from other community groups that you belong?
5. What is the transformational effect of a belief in the gospel?
6. Of the three applications (pray, give, go), which area is the Lord encouraging you to grow? Who in your church can help you?