

Summerlink Week 8, 25th August 2021 – Romans 1 and 15

God is Concerned for His Word to be heard by All Peoples, pt2

Group Discussion

1. Back in Week 1 we looked at Jesus saying that his mission is “in fulfilment of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms”. How does Paul say something similar in Romans 1:1-6?
2. Read Romans 1:11-13 and 15:14-33. What does Paul want to do? What does he want the Romans to do?
3. What hinders you from talking with people about Jesus? What helps you?
4. What hinders you from supporting other believers (whether this in country or around the world) in their proclaiming of Jesus? What helps you?

Talk

- Previously in Summerlink...
- Personally be unashamed of gospel proclamation, Romans 1
 - Paul is under obligation to preach the gospel to all kinds of people, 1:14-17
 - Acts help us understand what Paul is getting at – see his commission by King Jesus in Acts 9, his preaching to the Athenian idol-worshippers and philosophers in Acts 17, his offer of salvation to the Philippian jailer in Acts 16
 - Paul is unashamed of the gospel – am I?
 - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 and 8:1-11:1 helps us understand more of what Paul is getting at – not least as Paul writes from Corinth (in the 3 months he spent in Greece in Acts 20:2-3, staying with Gaius there in Romans 16:23 and 1 Corinthians 1:14)
 - Paul is unashamed of the crucified King Jesus and Paul is an example to us – even if people don't believe

- This gospel is needed because everyone has suppressed truth about God
 - Paul is unashamed of this gospel which rescues people – am I?
- Corporately be partners in Gospel proclamation, Romans 15
 - Having preached around the Med, Paul is off to Spain via Jerusalem and Rome 15:18-20 and 24-28
 - Will the Romans help him 15:24, 28, 32? – to preach where Christ is not known v20
 - Do we understand Romans enough to have a similar ambition and concern for partnership?
 - Who could you join with to enable unashamed-speaking-of-Jesus where he is least known?

Group Discussion

1. Quick recap: why should we all personally be willing to talk about Jesus with all kinds of people and to join with other brothers and sisters to do this?
2. How do you partner with people within and beyond St Helen's?
3. How can you do that more and more?

Interview

- What lessons can you apply from Beccy and Joelle's reading the Bible with different people?
- Which stories about or by Jesus could you share with people around you? Who will you share with?
- What narratives from the Law, Prophets and the Psalms could you share with people around you (and so point people to Jesus in a Luke 24:44-49 type way)? Who will you share them with?

Pray