

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

Planning to Participate – Romans 15:22-29

My Story

1. What kind of traveler are you? When you take a trip do you plan every stop on your intended route, or do you follow your nose and stop whenever and wherever you want to?

Digging Deeper

2. Read verse 22 and then look back over the previous few verses (see also Rom. 1:13). What had hindered Paul from going to Rome? How had his situation changed?
3. Compare verse 24 with what Paul said in Rom. 1:11-12. What sort of encouragement and help do you think Paul expected to receive from the Roman Christians? What might he have had to offer them?

4. Paul lists 3 different locations he hopes to visit in his ministry plans. Was it right for him to declare these plans? How does James 4:13-15 influence your answer?

Reflection

5. What are some ways churches can encourage and minister to missionaries? What are some ways we can be ministered to by missionaries?
6. Paul had a clear plan for his ministry and for reaching the lost. Do you? What would help you feel more prepared to share your faith with others?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

In your groups this week you will receive a small note card and a list of our missionaries. Pick a missionary and write a short note of encouragement. Bring the card to church on Sunday, and we will address it and mail it for you.

Praises / Prayer Requests

