

CARING IS SHARING

Romans 1:8–15

We show how we care by our consistent prayer.

Paul's prayer is characterized by his thankfulness, commitment and seeking an opportunity to share the gospel.

We are all impacted by sharing the Good News.

- Transformed by the Gospel
- Mutually encouraged as Brothers and Sisters in God's family
- Participating in unity in sharing the Good News

We should feel an obligation and eagerness to share the Good News.

What does my prayer life look like for the church? And for the lost?

Am I burdened with that same sense of obligation to share the Good News?

Is that my passion? Am I eager, or is my effort pretty meager?

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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Why does Paul, an apostle with an unparalleled pedigree of commitment - see 2 Cor 11:22-12-10, 2 Cor 12:11-12 -- approach the Roman church with such gentleness and deference? What do we take away from that?

2. How would you summarize the "Gospel" to someone who has not heard it?

3. It's been said, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." What are examples of this in your life? How might this apply to your sharing of the Gospel?

4. In what way does your prayer life reflect your priorities? Given this lens, how do you think you should or should not adjust your prayers?

5. We often think of sharing the Gospel as a "missional" practice. In what ways, is it ALSO both "theologically" and "relationally" impactful?

6. What does Paul mean when he says he is "under obligation" in Romans 1:14? Do you feel under obligation - if so, to whom and why?

7. In Romans 1:15, Paul says he is "eager to preach the gospel." (*ready, willing, zealous, passionate*) Would you characterize yourself as "eager?" What needs to change that would increase your eagerness to share the good news of Jesus?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle