# GOING DEEPER *together*

Based on the preaching from Sunday **15 November, 2026, 'Paul's apostolic calling and future plans'**
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Sermon Text: **Romans 15:14-33**
Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- In this conclusion to his letter to the church in Rome, Paul re-visits many of the personal statements he made back at the beginning of the letter, in chapter 1.
- Paul re-affirms his calling as apostle to the Gentiles. In this role, those who come to faith in Christ are his priestly offering to God.
- Paul has had a strategic evangelistic ministry, focusing on large urban areas where the gospel and the name of Jesus had not yet been preached.
- Paul's future ministry plan is to do apostolic missionary work in Spain, for which he is requesting the assistance and support of the Roman Christians. This is the reason for his writing the letter, vv. 23-24. Romans is Paul's missionary support fund raising letter.
- He invites the Roman Christians to pray for him in his apostolic evangelistic missionary work, for his safety and for favour with other Christians.
- Several challenges emerge from all this, including: Paul was sent by God, to whom might God be sending you?; be mindful of what you say and do so that God can use your speech and actions to lead others to Christ; to be intentional about the life you live for Jesus; what is your dream/plan for God; continue to support and pray for those who minister Christ and evangelize the lost.

Bible Study: The Swedish Method [**Romans 15:14-33**]

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for and taking note of the following four things:



Lightbulb: This should be something that 'shines' from the passage- whatever impacts most, or draws attention.
Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.
Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.
Notes:



Arrow: A personal application for the reader's life. Notes: