

## Going Deeper

Paul's ambition is not to build on anyone else's foundation. By that he means he wants to be the first to share the good news of Christ with people. However, in this passage he acknowledges that building on the foundation is an important part of God's mission.

### Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-17

4. What are the Corinthians quarrelling about? What does Paul say this shows about them?
5. In the imagery of verses 5-8, what does the plant represent? What does planting the seed represent? What does watering the seed represent? Which activity is most important?
6. Who plays the most important role in the church's establishment and growth and how do Paul and Apollos fit in?
7. What image represents the church in verses 9-17? How does God feel about the church?
8. If our role is to help build the church, why is it important that we invest fully in that role?

**Now do the applying it to our lives questions...**



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

### Growth Team News

This week's passage is the penultimate one we are looking at from Romans. In it Paul shares his ambitions and plans with the church in Rome.

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**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever**



## Godly Ambition

*Romans 15:14-33 (page 1141- 1142)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

Paul's \_\_\_\_\_

Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ Ambition

a. Ambition dependent on \_\_\_\_\_

b. Ambition dependent on \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting to know each other:

- ❖ When you were a child what did you hope to become when you grew up?

## Responding to the talk

1. What newspaper headline do you think sums up this week's talk?
2. Read 15:14-22
  - a. What gives Paul the right to write bold things to the church in Rome?
  - b. What was the goal of Paul's calling by God? (verse 16)
  - c. How does Paul 'glory in Christ Jesus' when he talks about the success of his work?
  - d. In what sense would Paul have 'fully proclaimed the gospel' in such a large area? (Basically, modern day Israel, Syria, Turkey and Greece!)
  - e. How is Paul's ambition rooted in God's plans? (Look up Isaiah 52:13-53:12)
3. Read 15:23-33
  - a. Why was Paul planning to go to Rome?
  - b. What support was Paul hoping to receive from the church in Rome to help him in his plans? (See verses 24, 30-33)
  - c. What did Paul have to do first?
  - d. How would this help to build stronger bonds between the Jewish and Gentile churches?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

## Applying it to our lives

9. To what extent and in what way is Paul's ambition (verse 26) still a part of our calling as a church today?
10. How can we better support each other in Growth Teams to carry out godly ambitions?