

## Too Good to Keep Here

**Text: Romans 15:18–24; Revelation 7:9–10**

**Supporting Texts: Romans 10:14–15; Acts 1:8; Genesis 12:1–3; Psalm 67**

### READ

Read **Romans 15:18–24** and **Revelation 7:9–10** aloud.

Paul writes, “It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known” (Romans 15:20). Revelation gives us the destination of that ambition: a multitude from “every nation, tribe, people and language” worshiping before the throne and before the Lamb.

#### **Bottom Line:**

**The gospel is too good to keep here and too global to stop with us.**

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### DISCUSS

1. When you hear the phrase “global mission,” what comes to mind first? Excitement, guilt, distance, confusion, inspiration, responsibility? Why?
  2. Paul says his ambition was to preach Christ where He had not yet been named. What is the difference between ordinary ambition and gospel-shaped ambition?
  3. In a place like Newport Beach, ambition is often aimed at success, security, influence, comfort, or legacy. How does the gospel reorder what we want our lives to count for?
  4. Read **Genesis 12:1–3**, **Psalm 67:1–4**, **Acts 1:8**, and **Revelation 7:9–10**. What do these passages show us about God’s heart for the nations?
  5. The sermon says, “Mission is not a page in the Bible. Mission is the plot of the Bible.” How does that challenge the idea that missions is only for certain Christians?
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### COME AND SEE

In Romans 15, Paul is not creating a new mission. He is joining the mission God has been unfolding from the beginning. God blessed Abraham so that “all peoples on earth” would be blessed through him. The Psalms pray that God’s saving power would be known “among all nations.” Jesus sends His disciples to the ends of the earth. Revelation shows the mission fulfilled as every nation gathers before the Lamb.

This means global mission is not driven first by guilt. It is driven by worship. Jesus is worthy of more than private belief, local respect, or cultural familiarity. He is worthy of praise from every people and place.

## FOLLOW ME

1. **Where is your ambition currently aimed?**  
What do your calendar, prayers, spending, energy, and imagination reveal about what you most want your life to accomplish?
  2. **Is your ambition big enough for the glory of Christ?**  
Where might God be inviting you to dream beyond personal success, family security, or local comfort?
  3. **How has God blessed you to be a blessing?**  
Consider your relationships, resources, education, influence, experience, spiritual gifts, home, and church community. How could these be used for God's mission near and far?
  4. **Where has your map become too small?**  
Do you mostly think about faith in terms of your personal life, your family, or your church? What might change if you regularly prayed for the gospel to reach people and places where Christ is not yet known?
  5. **What role could you play in sending?**  
Read **Romans 10:14–15**. Some go, but all can participate. How might God be calling you to pray, give, encourage, welcome, disciple, advocate, or even go?
  6. **Who is missing from the table?**  
The final image of the sermon is an empty chair at the Father's table. Who in your life, neighborhood, workplace, school, or the world do you long to see come home to Christ?
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## GO AND BE

This week, choose one concrete step:

Pray daily for one unreached people group, one of our partners or one person in your life who does not yet know Christ.

Have one conversation with your family, group, or a friend about how you can participate more intentionally in God's global mission from where you are.

Ask God: **“How do You want me to help make room at the table?”**