

**Romans 15:20-23,**  
**“Cultivating a Missionary Heartbeat”**

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**GOD IS DOING STUNNING THINGS IN THE WORLD TODAY!**

But what is a missionary heartbeat? (Romans 15):

- a. It has missionary \_\_\_\_\_, v. 20
- b. It has missionary \_\_\_\_\_, v. 21
- c. It has missionary \_\_\_\_\_, v. 22
- d. It has missionary \_\_\_\_\_, v.23

What might be personal and corporate next steps?

1. We dedicate ourselves afresh \_\_\_\_\_ and to His \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives.
2. We keep our focus on the world’s least-blessed—the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.  
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3. We \_\_\_\_\_ how our wiring here might make a difference there.
4. In concert with our friends, we take a \_\_\_\_\_ step.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ stepping and marveling.

“A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.”  
William Shedd, missionary to Iraq, c. 1910

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1. What kinds of things are we typically ambitious for? How did you feel about our speaker’s invitation to be ambitious for God’s glory among the nations, v.20? What might that look like for we who live here? (Leader: Don’t settle for “we should reach the internationals around us.” That’s important. Ask also, “How can we from here impact unreached people groups over there?”)
  2. Would you say the mood among God’s people is generally optimistic or pessimistic about what is happening around the world? Why? How did your speaker use v. 21 to encourage us to be optimistic? Do you buy his argument? Why or why not?
  3. Our speaker said that Paul, v. 22, had a priority which often kept him away from the believers in Rome. What was that priority? Would you say this priority is one shared by most in the American Church? How might we evaluate our own experience in light of that priority?
  4. “There’s so much work that needs to be done here.” How does v. 23 relate to that true statement? Describe how you feel about the tension between nurturing what has begun and beginning what is as yet not begun. What actions might we take to explore becoming more globally outward oriented? How might our church better be a launching pad towards that world’s least-reached ethnic groups?
  5. What about this passage do you think should be said that has not yet been said?
  6. What are 1-2 take-aways from this passage and message for you personally?