

"Paul's Love for the Romans!"
(Romans 1:8-13)

I. Introduction:

A. Reflect

- Paul's Salutation to the Romans (1:1-7)
- Paul's Love for the Romans (1:8-15)
- Paul's Theme in Romans (1:16-17)

B Result

- Faith Demonstrated
- Love Demonstrated

II. Exposition: Paul's Love for the Romans (Romans 1:8-13)

A. Thankful (1:8)

1. Medium – 1 Timothy 2:5
2. Motivation – Romans 16:19

B. Prayerful (1:9-10a)

1. Spiritual – 2 Corinthians 10:3-4
2. Specific – James 4:2b-3
3. Sacrificial – Ephesians 1:15-16; 1 Thess. 5:17

C. Hopeful (1:10b)

1. ~~Unanswered~~ prayer – Rom. 1:13; 2 Cor. 12
2. Unwavering hope – Romans 15:22-23

D. Graceful (1:11)

1. Empowered – Romans 12:6
2. Established – Psalm 1:1-3

E. Helpful (1:12)

1. Sharpen – Proverbs 27:17
2. Support – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

F. Fruitful (1:13)

1. Reap – Colossians 1:5-6
2. Refresh – John 4:31-42

III. Conclusion:

A. Wrong Motives (John MacArthur)

B. Right Motives – Mark 12:28-31

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. Why is gratitude so important in a believer's life? What happens when one does not have a thankful heart/attitude?
3. What role does prayer play in your life and why? How can you strengthen your prayer life?
4. How have others been used of God to help you in your walk with Jesus and how has God used you in the lives of others?
5. What can you do to become more active in the harvest? (Do not just think of more church involvement)
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)