

Study Guide: Ministry is a Team Effort

Reading:

- Romans 15:30-33; 16:1-16
- Acts 20:22-24 - Galatians 3:8

Warm Up:

- Think about a time when you felt supported by a team or community. How did that change your experience?
- What are some recent experiences where you had to rely on others? How did it feel?
- How do you currently understand the role of community in personal and spiritual growth?

Scripture Exploration:

- Read Romans 15:30-33. What does Paul ask the Roman church to do for him, and why is this significant?
- In Romans 16:1-16, observe the list of names Paul mentions. What does this tell you about the early church community?
- How does Acts 20:22-24 reflect Paul's commitment to his mission despite challenges?

Personal Reflection:

- What theological implications can you draw from Romans 16 about the diversity and roles within the early church?
- Compare Galatians 3:8 with Romans 16. How does the idea of unity in diversity manifest in these passages?
- What principles about teamwork and community in ministry can be extracted from this sermon?

Personal Application:

- Reflect on your own life: In what ways can you contribute to your community or church as part of a team?
- Identify one action step you can take this week to support someone in your church or community.
- How can your church improve its team efforts to better serve the community?
- Plan a specific way to engage more deeply with your church family, such as joining a group or volunteering for a ministry.