



Cultivating Relationships on the Road

ROMANS 1:8-15

I. THANKFUL: The faithfulness of a church is a powerful and far-reaching _____.

First, I **thank** my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. v. 8

II. PRAYERFUL: Persistent prayer is a catalyst to establishing biblical _____.

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my **prayers**, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. vv. 9-10

III. INTENTIONAL: Spiritual gifts are given for the purpose of mutual _____.

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may **impart** to you some spiritual gift to **strengthen** you— that is, that we may be mutually **encouraged** by each other's faith, both yours and mine. vv. 9-12

IV. PURPOSEFUL: God is sovereign in editing our schedules to accomplish His _____.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some **harvest** among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. v. 13

V. GRATEFUL: Sharing the gospel with anybody and everybody is the believer's _____.

I am under **obligation** both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to **preach the gospel** to you also who are in Rome. vv. 14-15



1 If I am a believer, I need to remember that I have been _____ by the gospel. (v. 1)

2 I need to recognize and appreciate that _____ for the gospel is a sacred privilege. (v. 10)

3 When I understand grace, I will be eager to _____ the gospel with all who will listen.

ROAD TO REDEMPTION

DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 1:8-15. Paul had not met the Roman Christians to whom he wrote, so he spent some time sharing his heart with them. How did he communicate to them their value in God's eyes and His love for them? Note that these words would also apply to you.

2. The "spiritual gift" Paul mentions is not to give them a spiritual gift they lack, but to share his own gifts with them. How would they be strengthened by his gifts? How would he be strengthened in turn by theirs?

3. The word "debt" here conveys not a condition of his salvation, but Paul's deep sense of accountability to the fate of human beings in spiritual darkness. In that sense, what "debt" to humanity does a Christ follower feel, and how should that drive the way we live each day?

4. Matthew Henry wrote, "We must express our love to our friends, not only by praying for them, but by praising God for them." To whom do you need to express your love, and what does that look like? How can you praise God for them?

5. What thoughts from the sermon will you be incorporating into your life this upcoming week?

6. How will you identify and cultivate the relationships God has entrusted to you, especially through the grid of Be, Make and Reach?

"One spiritual lesson that may be learned from this section is that preaching requires the proclamation of the gospel. No one is ever going to be saved by the way believers live. They will only be saved by hearing the content of the gospel. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom 10:17). Hence, the gospel must be proclaimed."

ARNOLD FRUCHTENBAUM

"Every Christian is indebted to every non-Christian, because we possess and can share what can impart life to those who are dead in sin, namely, the gospel."

TOM CONSTABLE

"Paul felt a debt to everybody. The God who saved him, had saved him that he might preach the gospel in every place he could reach. Brethren, if you have received much from God, you are so much the debtor to men; and you are debtors not only to the respectable, but to the disreputable, debtors not only to those who come to a place of worship, but to the dwellers in the slums, to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; to the wise and to the unwise."

CHARLES SPURGEON

"Anyone who genuinely comprehends the magnitude of the gift will not be able to remain idle. If you are not actively engaged in doing something in service of the gospel, something is missing from your spiritual life."

CHARLES SWINDOLL

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
 2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
 3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."*

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

CHECK OUT THE EMBARK CLASS Embark is our new "get to know Christ Chapel" class – great for anyone who wants to go deeper with us or is considering membership. Whether you've been here a few weeks or a few decades, Embark will help you learn more about Christ Chapel, find your best next step and meet staff. Learn more today at www.ccbcfamily.org/embark.

HOW TO DISCIPLE A NEW BELIEVER It's our hope to continue being disciples of Jesus who come alongside one another and grow in knowing Him more! There are different ways we can do this, and in our new Journey Class, How To Disciple a New Believer, we'll find practical steps to encourage the faith of those around us. Want to join in? Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

BIG BAND FOR YOU You're invited to join us for a night of toe-tapping and memorable music at the CCBC Big Band this Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and bring some friends as we hear the Big Band present a night of jazz just for you. No reservations are needed!

MANPOWER Is a group that serves the widows and single moms of Christ Chapel one Saturday every month and they're looking for more men to join their crew! Experience and special skills aren't needed — just a willingness to get your hands dirty and help with outdoor projects and home maintenance tasks. Email us at ManPower@christchapelbc.org to learn more and sign up today.

BE, MAKE AND REACH WITH LIVE PRODUCTION If you have experience and interest in live production and camera operation, we'd love to chat with you about volunteering with our Production Team. Get the conversation started by visiting @christchapelproduction on Instagram and send us a message today.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.