**<u>Activity #3:</u> Print this out for the older student group leaders.**

**Group Discussion for 15:14-33**

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

**Purpose:**
Shows that every believer has a role in God's mission &
Challenges students to give Christ credit for ministry success.

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What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:
1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

**<u>Part A – What Was Paul's Mission? - Romans 15:14-21</u>**
Discuss:

- What special responsibility had God given Paul?
- Why did Paul refuse to boast about his own accomplishments?
- Where did Paul desire to preach the Gospel?
- Why did he focus on places where Christ was not yet known?

Have students discuss:

- Paul trusted the Roman believers' goodness and biblical knowledge.
- God called Paul to take the Gospel to the Gentiles.
- Paul viewed the Gentile believers as an offering made holy by the Spirit.
- Paul gave Christ credit for everything accomplished through his ministry.
- God confirmed Paul's message through signs and wonders.
- Paul's ministry fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 52:15..

Paul did not boast about his ability, effort, or success. He recognized that Christ was working through him. His goal was not to build his own reputation but to take the Gospel to people who had never heard it.

**<u>Part B – Spectators vs. Ministry Partners - Romans 15:22-33</u>**

**Discuss:**

- How the church could support his missionary work
- Why Gentile believers gave money to Jewish believers in Jerusalem
- What spiritual blessings Gentiles received through Israel
- Why Paul asked believers to struggle with him in prayer
- How prayer, giving, and serving work together

| Remaining a Spectator | Becoming a Ministry Partner |
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| Assume ministry is someone else's job | Recognize that every believer has a role |
| Notice needs but do nothing | Serve when needs arise |
| Spend only on personal wants | Give generously to God's work |
| Say, "I'll pray," but forget | Pray specifically and faithfully |
| Seek credit for helping | Give Christ the glory |
| Work independently | Cooperate with other believers |
| Focus only on nearby needs | Care about people around the world |

Paul's ministry required the partnership of many believers. Some traveled and preached, while others prayed, gave, encouraged,

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or provided supplies. Each person's contribution helped the Gospel reach more people.

**Part C – Working Together for the Gospel**

**Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:**

- Isaiah 52:15 — People who had never heard about God's Servant would see and understand.
- 1 Corinthians 3:5–9 — Some believers plant and others water, but God causes the growth.
- 2 Corinthians 9:6–8 — God desires cheerful generosity and provides what believers need for every good work.

**Discuss:**

- Not every believer has the same assignment.
- God produces spiritual growth.
- Financial giving is one way to partner in ministry.
- Prayer is active participation in God's work.
- All ministry should direct glory toward Christ.

**Group Discussion Questions:**

- Why did Paul want to preach where Christ was not yet known?
- Why had Paul's ministry delayed his visit to Rome?
- Why did the Gentile churches send financial help to Jerusalem?
- What spiritual blessings have Gentile believers received through Israel?
- Why did Paul describe prayer as joining in his struggle?

**2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)**

Ask students to write or answer out loud: "How can you support someone doing ministry work today?"

**Prayer & Reflection:** *God, thank You for allowing believers to participate in Your mission. Show me how You want me to serve, give, pray, or encourage others who are sharing the Gospel. Forgive me when I remain a spectator or seek recognition for what I do. Help me use my gifts and resources faithfully while giving Christ all the credit. Please strengthen missionaries, pastors, teachers, and ministries that are taking Your Word to others. Amen.*

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

**Key for Lesson:** God calls believers to work together through serving, giving, and prayer so that more people can hear the Gospel.

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