



## **Sabbath School Ministry**

Sabbath School Department Inter-European Division

*Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.*

**Lesson no.:** 01                      **30 September – 06 October 2017**

**Title:**                                      **The Apostle Paul in Rome**

**Key texts:**                              ***Romans 1:7-8 & 15:14, 20-27; Ephesians 1: Acts 28:17-31; Philippians 1:12.***

### **A. Themes to Explore:**

1. The letter to the Romans responds to a fundamental human need: to identify the way and contents of salvation.
2. Whatever the cost, Paul wanted to go to Rome. He arrives there in unforeseen circumstances, but even in chains he preaches the Gospel.
3. Apart from the doctrinal content of the letter to the Romans, the Paul's pastoral nature can be seen, his passion for the salvation of others.

### **B. Learning Objectives\***

**Know:** Get to know about Paul's experience, the birth of the church in Rome and Paul's relationship with Rome.

**Feel:** Reflect on the passion that Paul had for the salvation of Jews and Gentiles by the grace of Jesus alone.

**Do:** In the light of Paul's experience study and discuss methods for reaching others with the gospel in the reality in which we live.

### **C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony\*\***

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
  - 1a. Why did Paul write the letter to the Romans without having yet visited this church?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
  - 2a. What characteristics of Paul are revealed in this letter? What do they say about his humanity and his passion for the salvation of others?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
  - 3a. What steps must we take in order to embrace the mission as Paul did? What do we lack? Where do we start?
  - 3b. Describe the characteristics that Paul ascribes to the believers in Rome (Rom. 15:14). What type of church was it?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
  - 4a. What can we do, as a Sabbath School class, to grow towards this stature?

### **NOTES:**

\* Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).

\*\* To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.

\*\*\* The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.