

TALK IT OVER

Week Eighteen – Romans 15 BUILDING EACH OTHER UP

Think back through the message. What sticks out to you?

Key Scriptures

We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. ² We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. Romans 15:1-2 NLT

⁵ May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. ⁶ Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6 NLT

¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever had another believer come alongside of you and help you do what is right and build you up in the Lord? What happened as a result of their help?
- How do we what the essentials and the non-essentials of the faith are?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Paul really keys in on living selflessly in the first few verses of chapter 15, even reminding us that Jesus himself set the example for us of selfless living. How do we make sure we are not just living to please ourselves?
- Read Romans 15:5-6. Talk about how living in harmony with believers affects our worship both corporately and individually.

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Read Paul's prayer in verse 13. Have you experienced God's joy and peace in response to your faith and trust in him? How did that lead to confident hope?
- At the very end of chapter 15, Paul asks the church in Rome to join in his struggle by praying for him. Why is it so important to pray for our spiritual leaders? What does joining their struggle by praying for them do for us?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

- God, help me to learn to live selflessly. Help me to not use my freedoms to tear down other believers but have the strength to put down my freedoms to build them up. Help me not just learn to tolerate them, but get to know them and understand where they are on their journey with you so we can live in unity and show the world who you are. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- Watch the overview video of Romans 5-16 at <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/romans-5-16/>
- Read the book of Romans at least once during this series.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you rise above differences of conviction and love other believers regardless of if they have the same convictions as you or not. When you sense judgement rising up in you, decide to love first and respond to it only as the Holy Spirit leads you.