

### **Romans 15:1-6 New Living Translation**

**1** 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. **3** For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, "The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me." **4** Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

**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.

### ***Discussion/Journal Questions***

Why is it so important for groups like sports teams or marching bands to be in harmony with each other? What happens when they are not?

Read Romans 15:1-6. What were some of the most significant differences in the church at the time Paul wrote the letter of Romans?

What do you think are some of the most significant differences in the American church today? How are our differences similar to or different from the differences in the early Church?

How does Romans 15:1-2 instruct us regarding our differences? How should we treat each other?

According to Romans 15:3-4, who is our model for engaging with others?

Think about someone whose differences you have trouble respecting. How would Jesus want you to treat that person?

According to Romans 15:5-6, what is the end goal of unity? How does unity lead to worship?

How can your group pray for and encourage you this week?

**Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**

**Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?**

**Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**