

TV Dinners 06: Community

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A Place Where Everyone Wants to Be

Romans 15:1-7 (ESV)

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. **2** Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. **3** For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” **4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. **5** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, **6** that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **7** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

By putting others first like Christ we create a Community where People Want to Be

1. Selfless

- a. We please our neighbors to build them up in Christ, not for their approval

Galatians 1:10

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

- b. Take on the “troubles of the troubled” (MSG)
- c. Living selflessly without Scripture is not sustainable.

2. Live in Harmony

- a. Patience
- b. Encouragement

3. Welcome One Another

- a. Christ did not welcome us because of what we could offer him
- b. For God’s Glory