



Discussion Guide

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Romans 15:1-13

¹ We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.” ¹⁰ Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.” ¹¹ And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.” ¹² And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.” ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read Romans 15:1-6

1. What does it mean to bear with the failings of the weak? When in your life has someone done this for you? How did that impact you?
2. How does Paul tie encouragement and endurance together in this passage?
3. Why is unity among believers such a central goal in these verses? Extra Credit: study and report on what you find in John 17:20-23.

Read Romans 15:7-13

4. What is the significance of Paul's emphasis on Jews and Gentiles worshiping together?
5. Reflect (and maybe even research) on what Paul means by 'accepting' one another. What all does that entail?
6. What does it mean to 'overflow with hope' by the power of the Holy Spirit? When was the last time you were able to describe yourself as 'overflowing with hope'?