ROMANS 15:7-13

THE DIFFERENCE IS JESUS

Big Idea: Because of Jesus, we can welcome one another, worship together, and walk in overflowing hope.

WELCOME OTHERS LIKE JESUS (*Romans 15:7)*

Key Question: Am I welcoming others the way Christ welcomed me?

- What does Paul mean when he commands believers to "welcome one another" (refer to Romans 14:1) and how does remembering the way Christ welcomed us impact and inform the way we receive other Christians? (e.g. Ephesians 2:4–5)
- What might keep us from genuinely welcoming another believer? (e.g. Philippians 2:3–5)
- How can the unity of very different people display God's glory to the world? (e.g. John 13:34–35; John 17:20–23)

WORSHIP TOGETHER THROUGH JESUS (*Romans 15:8-12)*

Key Question: Is my view of God's family as big as God's?

- What do these Old Testament quotations teach us about God's plan for the nations? (e.g. Psalm 18:49; Deuteronomy 32:43; Psalm 117:1; Isaiah 11:10; Psalm 46:10, 86:9; Philippians 2:9-10)
- Why was it important for Paul to remind Jewish and Gentile Christians that God's plan always included both? (e.g. Ephesians 2:11–18)
- What would it look like for our church to increasingly reflect God's vision of people from different generations, backgrounds, experiences, and preferences worshiping Jesus together? (e.g. Revelation 5:9–10)?

WALK WITH HOPE BECAUSE OF JESUS (*Romans 15:13)*

Key Question: Is the hope of Jesus merely in me, or is it overflowing from me?

- Why does Paul call God "the God of hope"? (e.g. 1 Peter 1:3–5)
- According to Romans 15:13, how are faith, joy, peace, and hope connected, and what role does the Holy Spirit play in producing these things in our lives? (Romans 5:1–5; Galatians 5:22–23)
- What would it look like for you to "overflow with hope" into your home, workplace, church, or relationships this week? (e.g. 1 Peter 3:15)