

ROMANS 15:1-7

THE LINE

Big Idea: Jesus creates a family where people with different convictions, backgrounds, strengths, and weaknesses can live together in supernatural unity.

Key Question: Is this God's Line or is this my line?

KNOW THE LINE

- What is the difference between a "national border" and a "state border"? Discuss how this illustration reveals the differences between doctrine (truths that define the boundaries of the Christian faith) and opinions/convictions (areas where faithful Christians may disagree).
- What happens when we treat primary doctrines as merely an opinion?
- What happens when we elevate our opinions/convictions to the level of primary doctrines?
- Which danger do you tend toward more: erasing a line God has drawn or drawing a line God hasn't? Why?

LOVE ACROSS THE LINE

- Paul says the strong should "bear with" the weak. What does bearing with someone actually look like in everyday life?
- Which is more natural for you during disagreement: proving your point, protecting your freedom, or building up the other person?
- Am I using my strength for myself or for someone else's good?

LIVE WITHIN THE LINES TOGETHER

- What's the difference between Christian unity + Christian uniformity?
- Can you genuinely love and walk with someone without requiring them to agree with you about everything?
- Romans 15:7 says, "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." How has Christ welcomed you despite your weaknesses, failures, and immaturity?