



## Connect Discussion Guide

01.30.22 Message | Chuck Sackett | Romans 15:7-13

### Key Scriptures:

*“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

*For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.*

*As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”*

*And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”*

*And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”*

*And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”*

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*

- Romans 15:7–13

### Message Highlights:

- Paul’s letter to the Romans calls believers to unity in Christ and partnership in spreading the gospel to the whole world.
- “The gospel is the true story of how Jesus the Son was sent by God the Father to become the Saving King who now rules forever at God’s right hand through the sending of the Holy Spirit, fulfilling God’s promises in Scripture.” - Matthew Bates
- We must be personally transformed in Christ if we are to participate in building Christ-centered, missional community.
- Because followers of Jesus are baptized into one faith, pledging our allegiance to one Savior King, Jesus, we can and must live as a diverse community with a shared singular mission.

### Conversation Starter:

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show about a team or a group of friends with an important mission? Why do you think these kinds of stories resonate with us so much?

**Discuss the Message:**

1. In Romans 15:7, Paul wrote “welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” What does it mean to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us?
2. How is God glorified when we welcome others as Christ has welcomed us?
3. How would you answer a friend who asks you, “What is the mission of the church?”
4. What is the connection between experiencing personal transformation in Jesus and participating in the mission of the church?
5. What are some obstacles that can distract a church community from living on mission? How do we avoid and/or overcome those obstacles?
6. How are you personally engaged and invested in the mission of the church? How is living on mission alongside others changing you? If you are not currently living on mission, what do you think is holding you back?

**Pray:**

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness to keep all of your promises to your people throughout all time. We are humbled by the way your Son, Jesus, came to us, just as you had promised, and became a servant for our sake. Help us now to live as he lived, to serve one another as he served and to share the true message of how he came as Savior and is now reigning as King. God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. Amen.*