

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Romans 14-15

Current Series: Perfectly One

Message Title: Unity in Diversity

How are we to deal with our differences within the Body of Christ?

- Don't let personal _____ and _____ get in the way of _____.
- Don't _____ believers with whom you have differing opinions on _____ matters.
- _____ one another, just as Christ _____ you.
- Make every effort to do what leads to _____ and to _____ one another.

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Romans 14-15

1. Since Christ-followers typically don't argue today about issues pertaining to diet and days of worship, what contemporary issues or "disputable matters" (Romans 14:1) can you identify that we struggle to graciously disagree about?
2. Read Romans 14:3. In what ways have you witnessed believers treating with contempt or looking down upon those with whom we/they disagree?
3. Read Romans 14:4-10? To whom are we ultimately accountable for our particular convictions? Why is this important for us to keep in mind?
4. Read Romans 14:19. What specific types of behaviors, activities, or attitudes lead to peace with other believers? What specific types of things might threaten that peace?
5. Read Romans 15:7. What does it mean to accept one another within the Body of Christ? How does that verse say that we are to accept others? How has Christ accepted you?
6. "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity." Practically speaking, what does this statement mean to you, and how might embracing this perspective help fellow Christ-followers to better pursue unity when our differences threaten to divide us?
7. How is *unity* different from *uniformity*? Why didn't Paul demand uniformity of the Roman believers? Why is this an important distinction to make when it comes to how we get along with other believers? Do you believe it's possible to have genuine unity in the church even when we don't always agree with one another? Why or why not?
8. Would others who know you well say that you are gracious and show consideration for those who have an opinion different than your own? Is there anything that needs to change in order for you to more consistently accept others?