

Sermon: Welcome One Another
Series: *One Another*

Scripture: Romans 15:1-7
Date: July 10, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Can you recall a time when you felt not welcome or not accepted somewhere?
- b) Can you describe any areas where you may have different convictions or a different conscience from others in the church? Has this led to any conflict? (see Romans 14:1 – “quarreling over opinions”).

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Read 15:5. How has God encouraged you to welcome others? Where have you seen him give you endurance (patience) with those who are different from you?
- b) Read 15:7. Why/how does our unity amongst our differences of conscience glorify God?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) In what way has Christ accepted/welcome/received you?
- b) How does the gospel empower your heart to accept/welcome/receive other believers (even if they have different convictions)?

APPLICATION

- a) Is there any other Christian (or type of Christian) that you have rejected or failed to receive?
- b) See Romans 14:15. Is there any way that you might be creating a stumbling block for other Christians in the church?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 John 4:7-12.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his encouragement and endurance poured into your heart.
- Confess ways that you have failed to accept others.
- Thank Jesus for his receiving of you.
- Ask God to help you welcome and accept others despite differing convictions.