

For the week of April 29-May 5, 2018

Based on Pastor Tucker's message from April 28-29

Romans 15: Receive One Another

Best Way to Prepare for Your Group? Listen to the teaching and read the appropriate scripture. Please give emphasis to the latter. These notes are prepared on Fridays. Sometimes, the sermon gets modified right before service. So, allow for flexibility. Remember, your time together isn't meant to be a re-teaching of the most recent lesson. Instead, the discussion points and questions are designed to encourage group members to share insight and application of what they've learned from God's Word—and thereby grow closer to the Lord and each other.

[Format for the Evening]

WELCOME:

Get to know each other. Re-introduce yourselves if need be and welcome any newcomers. Invite those new to the group to share a little about their lives and Christian experience. Spend some time talking about real-life issues that may have come up during prayer or fellowship time the previous week. These Community Groups are more than Bible studies. They are designed to help believers form deep and lasting relationships.

KEY PASSAGE:

"Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God."—Romans 15:7

THINK ABOUT THE TEACHING:

Last week we studied Romans 14 with its emphasis on avoiding judging on one another about the debatable things that so often divide the Body of Christ. Now we explore Romans 15 and its further call for unity among believers. Paul continues to address the fact that God's family is made up of people from different backgrounds. He acknowledges that we may not see eye-to-eye on everything but emphasizes that the Lordship of Jesus Christ pertains to us all. Christ sacrifices for us so we can, in the power of His Spirit, sacrifice for one another.

TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING:

1. What are some opportunities for self-sacrifice that present themselves in our day-to-day life?
2. What are some practical things we can do to edify (enlighten, inform, or instruct) a believer who is less mature in the faith than we are?
3. Have you any real-life examples of times when you had to set aside your personal plans, wants, or desires to help another Christian learn, grow, and succeed in the faith? Was it easy? Was it worth it?

THINK ABOUT THE TEACHING:

Jesus sacrificed for us when we were still His enemies. So, when it comes to sacrificing for others we have a great example in the life of Christ. Jesus also accepts us when we are dead in our sins and trespasses. Therefore, He is also our role model in the realm of accepting others.

TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING:

1. This week's Bible passage describes Jesus as a God of comfort and patience. How do these attributes help you accept people with whom you have little in common except a shared faith in Christ?
2. Does patience come naturally to human beings? If not, how do we cultivate patience?
3. Have you developed any strategies for recognizing when you may not be as accepting of other believers as you could be?
4. Where do you go for help regarding fine-tuning an attitude of acceptance?
5. What role can the Holy Spirit play in developing strong bonds of unity among brethren from diverse backgrounds?

OPEN DISCUSSION:

We can all learn so much from one another's insights. Spend a few minutes sharing any points you remember from this sermon.

1. Did anything particularly resonate with you?
2. Have you had an opportunity to apply the message? If so, how?

TAKE TIME TO PRAY:

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will cause Bible-believing Christians to unite in the love and hope of Jesus. Pray that we will know how to work together to bring revival to a desperate world.

TRANSITION TO REAL LIFE:

Before you head home take some time to talk about the week ahead, make note of any needs and prayer requests, and enjoy each other's company. That's what family does.

Note: *Pastor Tucker welcomes your feedback. Please email him at tucker@calvaryboise.com with your insight.*

Weekly Prayer Requests

Thoughts for the Week:

“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.” –Romans 12:10-13

“True happiness is always self-forgetful: it loses itself in the object of its joy. As the joy of the Holy Ghost fills us, and we rejoice in God the Holy One, through our Lord Jesus Christ. [. . .]

Love and joy ever keep company. Love, denying and forgetting itself for the brethren and the lost, living in them, finds the joy of God. The kingdom of God is joy in the Holy Ghost.”
— **Andrew Murray, Holy in Christ**

Our Core Group:

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Our International Missions

- **For our Calvary Missions Summer Outreach:** Please pray for all the logistics involved with Calvary Boise’s upcoming European mission trip - travel, lodging, food, etc. as well as the discipleship process leading up to it. Pray for lasting fruit in the mission fields we’ll serve and in our church body here.
- **For the Peddicords in Berlin:** Clark and Ann return to Germany this week and hit the ground running. They are hosting a conference for “alumni” of Haus Nazareth, then Clark officiates at the wedding of a young couple in their Bible study group who have moved to Dresden. A full calendar of meetings and conferences follows that. Pray that the Lord blesses them with stamina and allows them to bear much fruit.
- **For Send Hope Now:** Pray that the stateside staff would have the resources necessary to travel to the various churches that have expressed an interest in supporting this ministry. Pray that the Lord continues to meet all their needs.

Our Local Ministry: Global Missions

- Pray that the National Day of Prayer Rally to be held at noon Thursday, May 3 will be well attended. Pray for Pastor Tucker as he leads the gathering in prayer for the church today.
- Pray for the multi-denominational missions conference that will be held May 4th-5th at Calvary Boise in conjunction with Commissioned Week. Pray for the word to get out. Ask that area youth will be aware of the Citizens and Saints concert and will attend. Pray for unity in the churches that share the vision to co-labor in the Great Commission. Pray that many in the valley would come and learn more about Jesus and His Gospel.