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Speaker: Chase Hildenbrand Passage: Romans 15:7–15:7

Community Group Questions: "Unity in Diversity"

Read Romans 15:1-7 and then work through the following questions dealing specifically with verse 7, which is the focus of our study.

1. As you look at the larger context of Romans 14:1-15:7, what were some of the issues of division and conflict that the Roman Christians were facing? What cultural differences did these Jewish and Gentile Christians face as they worshiped together in Christ? In light of these issues, what did it mean when Paul told them, “welcome one another as Christ as welcomed you”?
2. How have you seen disunity among believers hurt the church?
3. What do you see as hot topic issues within our church that, if we are not careful, could cause disunity?
4. What does it look like to welcome one another?
5. Paul commands us to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us (Jesus' welcome is active, costly, and generous). What are some emotions that run through you as you think about how Jesus welcomed you into God's family?
6. We're to welcome others as Jesus welcomed us! That is a daunting task. What worries, fears, or concerns do you have with welcoming one another?
7. Are there differences between you and another brother or sister in the church that cause you to treat that person with indifference, neglect, or contempt? What steps can you take to work towards pursuing reconciliation and unity with them?
8. The way we welcome one another, our unity, puts God's glory on display. How have you seen relationships within the church bring glory to God?

Prayer suggestion: Spend time together in prayer, confessing sins of disunity and lack of welcome. Ask for God's help and power to open up our lives to one another, and to generously “welcome one another” as we have been welcomed by Christ. Pray for gospel-fueled unity-in-diversity at our church!