

## **PUT OTHERS FIRST**

### **ROMANS 15:1-7**

**10/19/25**

#### **I. THE OBLIGATION**

*Romans 15:1-2 - "We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up."*

##### **A. "Bear" with the weak**

- Assume the same burden they carry

##### **B. "Please" your neighbor**

- We do this for their spiritual good

#### **II. THE EXAMPLE**

*Romans 15:3 - "For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, 'The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.'"*

##### **• Jesus**

*Philippians 2:5-8 - "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*

#### **III. THE ENCOURAGEMENT**

*Romans 15:4 - "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."*

##### **• Scripture**

1. Scripture is written for "instruction"
2. We should endure in Scripture
3. Scripture produces "hope"

#### **IV. THE PRAYER**

*Romans 15:5-7 - "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

##### **A. "Harmony"/Unity**

- This unity is "in accordance with Jesus"

##### **B. Worship**

- Purpose of worship is God's glory

## **COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why is it so hard to put other's needs before our own? How do we grow in this pursuit of others before ourselves?
3. Have you ever had someone place your needs above their own? How did that affect you?
4. What is an area of your life where you need to put the needs of others before your own, and in doing so reflect Christlikeness to them?
5. How does Christ's example of selflessness shape the way I interact with others? How does a greater knowledge of Jesus encourage greater selflessness?
6. Why are the scriptures so important for believers? How do the scriptures instruct and encourage?
7. Why do you think a unified church is so important to Paul and the New Testament writers? How does a unified church glorify God's name?
8. In v.5 Paul asks God to create unity in the church. What does this tell us about how we should pursue unity? How have you seen God accomplish unity in a church setting?
9. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you would like to live out? How can the group help you in accomplishing that?