

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 4, 2014

Passage: Romans 15:1-13

Memory Passage: Romans 15:4

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 15:1-13 & Ps. 69:1-12.** In the Psalm, who is the “I/me” who is suffering unjustly, and who is the “me” who suffers unjustly in Rom. 15:3 which quotes Ps. 69:9 (notice that Ps. 69 is quoted or alluded to 10x in the gospels, 1x in Acts, and 1x in Romans as referring to Christ’s suffering)?
- (b) How did Christ “not please” himself (15:3)?
- (c) How do these specifics about how Christ did not please himself help us to understand how to not please ourselves (15:1)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 15:1-13.** What are the “failings of the weak” (v. 1)?
- (b) Why are the strong under “obligation” to bear these failings of the weak, and why is this obligation contrary to “pleasing” themselves (v. 1)?
- (c) Who is our “neighbor” in Romans 15:2 and what 2 goals should guide the way in which we please them (v. 2)?
- (d) Write down at least 3 ways in which you will strive to please other believers, both for their good and to build them up.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 15:1-13.** How do the Scriptures “instruct” us through “endurance” and “encouragement” to “have hope?”
- (b) Do endurance & encouragement come from the Scriptures (v. 5) or from God (v. 6)? Explain your answer.
- (c) What is the significance of Paul asking that “God grant” harmony rather than commanding that we pursue harmony?
- (d) The goal of this harmony is that believers would “together with one voice glorify” God. What does this phrase describe?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 15:1-13.** How does welcoming one another bring glory to God (v. 7, see also 14:1-3)?
- (b) How does Christ becoming a servant to the Jews (“the circumcised”) show God’s truthfulness (v. 8)?
- (c) What are the 2 purposes of showing God’s truthfulness (“in order to/in order that” in vs. 8-9)? Explain each one (These statements summarize prominent truths Paul has already taught in Romans, so your explanation should be full-orbed!).

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 15:1-13.** What is Paul’s primary purpose in quoting the OT passages found in vs.9-12?
- (b) How are believers filled with “all joy and peace in believing,” and what is the result (“so that”) of this filling (v. 13)?
- (c) Spend some time today praying Paul’s prayers (vs. 5 & 15) for (1) yourself & (2) the body of believers that are BCC.
- (d) EXTRA CREDIT: Read each of the 4 verses Paul quotes in vs. 9-12 in their original OT context and explain how the context of each OT setting helps convey Paul’s main argument. You can find the OT references in your margin notes, and make sure to read the ESV text footnotes for Deut. 32:43.

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Christ: Our Example & Hope

In Romans 15:1-13 Paul exhorts us to live for God’s glory by giving 3 commands and 2 prayers.