

Christian Unity

Romans 15:1-13

Lesson 26 Questions

First Day: Read the Lesson 25 Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. How did the lecture help you understand God's judgment of believers and unbelievers?
2. What did you find meaningful from the notes regarding disputable matters among believers?

Second Day: Read Romans 15:1-3.

Paul assigned responsibilities to strong believers.

3. What responsibilities did Paul assign to strong believers, and why?
4. a. How is Paul's description of pleasing one's neighbors different from how we might think about people-pleasing today?
b. In verse 3, Paul quoted a prophecy about Jesus from Psalm 69. Read Psalm 69. How did Jesus model not living to please Himself?
5. Describe situations in which you find it difficult to build others up or put them first.

Third Day: Read Romans 15:4-6.

Paul spoke to Scripture's important role in Christian unity.

6. a. From verse 4, what benefits come from studying Scripture?
b. How have you experienced these or other benefits as you have studied Romans?
7. What did Paul ask God to give to his readers, and what might the result be?
8. a. How does a spirit of unity differ from uniformity, and how does Christian unity glorify God? (See also Romans 14:13-18.)
b. What impact does Christian unity have on you, your church, or your relationships with other

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believers?

Fourth Day: Read Romans 15:7-12.

Paul spoke about acceptance of other believers.

9. What did Paul command the Romans to do, and why?
10. What did Jesus do on behalf of God's truth, and why is this important?
11. a. List the Old Testament passages Paul quoted in verses 9-12. (Check your Bible's footnotes or cross-references to locate the Scripture references.) What do the passages have in common?
b. Why would Paul use Old Testament passages to illustrate unity between Jews and Gentiles in Christ?
12. How might Paul's words help when you struggle to find unity with other believers?

Fifth Day: Read Romans 15:13.

Paul spoke words of hope to His readers.

13. a. What is the relationship between trust and hope? (See also 1 Timothy 1:1; Hebrews 6:18-19; 11:1; or any other verses for help.)
b. In what specific ways have you found God to be your source of hope?
14. How is it possible for believers to overflow with hope?
15. Using Romans 15:13, write a prayer for yourself or someone you know who needs hope.

Sixth Day: Review Romans 15:1-13.

God empowers believers to live in unity and hope as they follow Christ.

16. What challenged or encouraged you regarding Christian unity and Christ's example as you studied this passage, and how can your group pray for you?

Homiletics for Group and Administrative Leaders: Romans 15:1-13