

## Reflection Questions: Romans 15:5-7

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*These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to [MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages](http://MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages).*

### **INTRODUCTION**

**Pray.** Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

**Read the Scripture text:** Romans 15:5-7

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

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### **Let's get started...**

- What initially grabs your attention in this text?

### **QUESTIONS**

#### **1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.**

- (1) In our study, the pastor said the word translated "harmony" in verse 5 means "to exercise the mind, to think of, to set the affection on" one another. He then quoted the New International Version's translation of verse 5, "give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had...."
  - What are the implications for having the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ had for people? What would that look like? How would you know you have it?
- (2) In this passage, the Apostle Paul says that when this happens, we "together may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (vs. 6). What is the connection between living in harmony with one another / having the same attitude of mind towards each other that Christ had, and glorifying God? How does one lead to the other?
- (3) How ought remembering the way Christ welcomed you (with all your flaws and struggles and sins and doubts) change the way you welcome others? How does Christ welcome you (cf. Luke 15:1-2 & Matthew 11:28 for reference)?

## **2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.**

- (1) Paul says, "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ welcomed you." What do you think this would look like for us at Mercy Hill? In a world that "wounds us in a thousand ways" (Ann Voskamp), try to be as specific as possible in your answer.
- (2) How does welcoming one another reflect the gospel to those inside our church? How does it help adorn the gospel of Jesus?
- (3) What happens to a community of faith when we forget or refuse to welcome one another, or think it's optional?

## **3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.**

- (1) How does welcoming one another as Christ welcomed us serve as a witness to those outside the community of faith? Or to put it the opposite way, how does being cold to one another serve to vandalize our witness to the world?
- (2) What are some practical ways we can welcome people in our city, particularly those who feel unseen, excluded, or marginalized?
- (3) How does embracing others as Christ embraced us help us to advance God's mission in our city?

## CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?

## PRAYER

What are some ways you can turn what you are learning into prayer? List them as bullet points....

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