

Reflection Questions: Romans 15:14

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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.

INTRODUCTION

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

Read Romans 15:14 in the following translations:

English Standard Version: I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

International Standard Version: I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are filled with goodness and full of all the knowledge you need to be able to instruct each other.

New International Version: I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

Let's get started...

- What grabs your attention in this text? What questions or thoughts arise as you reflect on what its saying?

QUESTIONS

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

- (1) The Apostle Paul describes these early Christians in Rome as being "full of goodness." What do you make of this description? Is he being accurate or overly optimistic? Do you tend to think of Christians as being "full of goodness"? Why or why not?
- (2) In his letter to the Galatians, Paul described the fruit of the Spirit's work in their lives as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control" Galatians 5:22-23). How does this help you understand the kind of character that Jesus is forming in his disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit? And what does goodness look like in a person?
- (3) Paul, secondly, describes these followers of Jesus as being filled "with all knowledge." Assuming they have not become omniscient (literally, knowing everything there is to know), what is Paul getting at here? What is Paul wanting them to see about their grasp of the Good News of Jesus?

- (4) Paul then says that he is convinced that they are “able to instruct one another.” Describe how the previous two things he mentions (being full of goodness and knowledge) leads to this confidence.
- (5) Describe the role that other Christians have had in helping you grow as a Christian. How has someone gently and lovingly corrected, encouraged, or taught you in the past? What made that meaningful for you?

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

- (1) What do you think it would look like for a Christian to be connected to a smaller group of Christians (like in a Life Group, or a group of 3-4 others, or even one-to-one) where everyone can contribute to one another’s spiritual growth?
- (2) How can we contribute to a culture within our church where instructing / discipling one another is normal and welcomed? What might that look like in practical terms?
- (3) How can we gently and loving hold each other accountable to walk in faith and in truth, without being judgmental or harsh?

3. Let’s think about how this text applies to our city.

- (1) In what ways might discipleship within the church equip us to engage with the needs, questions, and hurts in our community? In other words, what is the link to being discipled within the church and being on mission in our city and neighborhoods?
- (2) Can you think of ways our Life Group or our church might disciple one another *with our city in mind*—so that we are shaped for service and mission?

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....