THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Part 15: Making Disciples

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Romans 15:1-12 We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. ²We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. ³ For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, "The insults of those who insult you. O God, have fallen on me." ⁴ Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. ⁵ May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. ⁶ Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. 8 Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors.⁹ He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them. That is what the psalmist meant when he wrote: "For this, I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing praises to your name." ¹⁰ And in another place it is written, "Rejoice with his people, you Gentiles." ¹¹ And yet again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles. Praise him, all you people of the earth." ¹² And in another place Isaiah said, "The heir to David's throne will come, and he will rule over the Gentiles. They will place their hope on him."

- 1. We put the ______ of others ahead of ourselves.
 - a. We help others do what is _____. (V2)
 - b. We _____ them up in the Lord. (V2)
 - c. We strive for _____ with each other. (V5)
 - d. We ______ each other as Christ accepted us. (V7)

THRIVE This week we are studying Acts 15:1-35.

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- Woodmen Campus (Women) Tuesday @ 9:30a
- South Campus Tuesday @ 6:45p
- Woodmen Campus Wednesday @ 6:45p

e. We _____ the others as Christ served us. (V8)

Matthew 20:28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Romans 15:13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. We must minister with confidence and the ______ of God.

Romans 15:18-19 Yet I dare not boast about anything except what Christ has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them. ¹⁹ They were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders and by the power of God's Spirit. In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ from Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum.

- Acts 13:6-12
- Acts 14:8-15
- Acts 19:11-12 God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. ¹²When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled.
- Acts 4:29-31 And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.
- Every day ministry by every day believers.

Romans 15:20 My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else.

3. We place the highest priority on reaching those who have

Romans 15:21 I have been following the plan spoken of in the Scriptures, where it says, "Those who have never been told about him will see, and those who have never heard of him will understand."

We exist as a church to turn unconvinced, unchurched, and uncommitted people into fully ______ followers of Christ.

THE GOAL OF REACHING ONE

- Pursue ONE lost person and become the ______
 they have ever had.
- Every day ask God to send ONE person across your ______ that you can help, encourage, or minister to.
- 3. Every church service you attend look for ONE person to make a difference in their day.
- 4. Strive to bring ONE _____ per month to an RFC service.
- 5. Lead and _____ ONE person to Jesus every year.

*All scriptures are from the NLT translation unless otherwise noted.