

Sermon Outline

Romans Series: Put Others First (chapter 15:1-5)

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Main Idea: Continuing in his teaching on how Christians are to live life in light of the gospel, Paul now addresses how Jewish and Gentile Christians are to maintain unity in the midst of their diverse background and cultures.

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1. Put Others First (v1-2)
2. Our Model (v3)
3. Our Guide (v4)
4. Our Goal: Make Church Sing (v5-6)

Key Text/Quotes:

"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." - Romans 14:17

"The point is not to live hiding from one another. There is a good place for good open conversation about why we do what we do. The point is we shouldn't judge one another over issues of conscience. We direct the focus of our attention in our church family away from issues of conscience where we differ and place on the mutual faith that unites us. We put others first. That's the command." (Kevin's comment on v1)

"God wants our lives to be like our singing. He wants us to put one another first as Christ did so that with one voice we can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Romans 14:13-15:13 and open in prayer.
2. What is Paul after in writing this section of his letter to the church in Rome? Discuss the issues that can and often do arise in a church made up of people from diverse backgrounds, upbringings or traditions?
3. Read Romans 14:17 and discuss how Paul encourages the church to think as it deals with these realities and how and why "putting others first" is so important to revealing the Gospel.
4. Discuss what makes for true biblical and beautiful "harmony" among believers? What role that God's Word is to play in opening our hearts and empowering our acts in our "singing" as a church?
5. Close in prayer.

