

LG | Leader

[Romans 15:1-7]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

Prepare your mind to receive God's word. Take a moment to be silent. Pray for your mind to receive God's Word.

After hearing the sermon from Sunday, what most resonated with you? What were the takeaways for your family as a whole?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Read chapter 15:1-7. What are your initial thoughts about this text?

[Discussion Starter]

2. Verses 1 and 2 give us another example of what the Christian life should look like. If applied today, what do these verses look like in your life, our lives?

Faithful Christians have an obligation to support the socially “unworthy.” Verse 2 brings more clarity in that we are to care for our neighbor and build them up, encourage them. This means we ought to consider the interests of others, to put to death our selfish tendencies and the desire to please ourselves.

3. Verse 3 says, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” Where does this come from and what does this mean? Why does Paul cite this verse here?

This verse is from Psalm 69:9. Jesus was willing to suffer rebuke for the sake of God's truth. This verse is placed here likely because Paul is using Christ as our example; Christ died for the sake of others, you and I. We must be willing to face social reproach for the sake of others and for the love of God.

4. Out of these 7 verses, which verse speaks directly to the authority of Scripture? Are there any other passages in the Bible that come to mind that give us confidence in the authority of Scripture?

Verse 4 speaks of the authority of Scripture. “Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction” speaks to the importance of the Old Testament and its relevance during Paul's composition of the book Romans. [Other examples: Hebrews 1:1-2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17]

5. If we are notes in a harmony, giving depth to a melody, what role does Jesus play in all of this?

Jesus created and sustains the score. If he so chooses, he could press pause on all of our notes, but rather, he takes our often sharp and flat notes and makes them into a beautiful composition for His glory. (Verse 5, “in accord with Christ Jesus” = Jesus grants our playing/our notes)

6. What would you say is the climax/purpose of this text? We live in harmony for what purpose?

We strive to live in harmony, in accordance with Christ Jesus, for the Glory of God. Put more plainly; We exist for God's glory.

7. As you finish studying this text, how would you summarize this passage if you were explaining it to someone else?

[Allow people to attempt to internalize this text]

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.