



LIFE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Week Six

Romans 15:1-13 "Pleasing God, Serving Others"

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

This guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on the weekend message and apply it to your life. Leader's Notes have been included to help in your preparation. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there's no need to go through them all.

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ICEBREAKER OPTIONS

This weekend all of our campus pastors preached. This guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on this weekend's passage and apply it to your life. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there's no need to go through them all. To learn more, visit silverdalebc.com/smallgroups.

ICEBREAKER OPTIONS

Choose one or two to begin your group time:

- Who is someone in your life that you look up to because of how they put others first?
- If you could pick one word to describe the kind of community you'd like to be part of, what would it be?

1 Bear With and Build Up Others

Key Scripture:

"We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up." – Romans 15:1-2

Discuss:

- What does it look like in everyday life to "bear with" others?
- Why is it often easier to focus on pleasing ourselves instead of building others up? How can you begin to shift your focus from yourself to others?
- How has someone else's patience or encouragement helped you grow spiritually?

Leader's Note:

Paul reminds believers that spiritual maturity shows itself in selflessness. Instead of living to please ourselves, we are called to lift others up for their good and God's glory.

2 Christ as the Example

Key Scripture:

"For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.'" – Romans 15:3

Discuss:

- How should Jesus' example shape the way we respond to others?
- What are some practical ways you can imitate Christ's selflessness this week?

Leader's Note:

Jesus bore our burdens, taking on reproach and suffering for our sake. His example shows us that true greatness is found in humble service and sacrificial love.

3 United in Christ for God's Glory

Key Scripture:

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." – Romans 15:5–6

Discuss:

- Why is unity so important in the church?
- What are some barriers that often prevent unity, and how can we overcome them?

Leader's Note:

Unity is not uniformity—it's harmony. Christ-centered encouragement and endurance empower us to live in peace with one another so the world can see God's glory through His people.

4 Hope for All Through the Gospel

Key Scripture:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13

Discuss:

- Where in your life do you most need God's joy and peace right now?
- How does the Spirit help us hold onto hope when circumstances are discouraging?
- Who in your life needs to see the hope of Christ through your words and actions?

Leader's Note:

Paul concludes by reminding us that God is the source of real hope. When we trust Him, His Spirit fills us with joy and peace that spill over into every relationship and situation.

Before ending your group time, ask each group member to share one takeaway from their Campus Pastor's sermon.

+ PRAY +

Invite group members to pray that God would strengthen their endurance, encourage their hearts, and fill them with His hope.

Ask God to help your group live in unity and love so that others would see His glory.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Pleasing God While Serving Others: See a Need, Meet a Need

When we slow down and look around, opportunities to serve are everywhere.



The Challenge

- **Open Your Eyes This Week**

Pay attention to needs in your neighborhood, workplace, school, or community.

- **Meet One Need**

Choose one simple, selfless act to meet that need—mow a lawn, bring a meal, write a card, or babysit for free.

- **Encourage Others to Join You**

Post your story or share with your group to inspire others to serve where they live.



Upcoming Events to keep on your group's radar:

IMPACT Missions Conference - Nov. 5-9 | Illuminate - Dec. 1-4