

Sermon Supplement from October 26

“Getting Along for the Glory of God” – Romans 15:1-7

WARM UP

- Glance through Romans chapters 12-16 and talk about the relational thread that runs through these chapters.
- How does our relationship with God outlined in chapters 1-11 impact our relationships with others outlined in chapters 12-16?
- How does getting along with other Christians impact our ability to bring glory to God? (15:6-7)

DIG IN

Read Romans 15:1-2 | Bear With and Build Up

- If bearing with (v. 1, cf. Gal 6:2) means to carry and support, talk about some ways you might practice this in your relationships with other Christians who don't share your convictions on secondary issues.
- To build up means to strengthen through a process. In what ways are you currently building others up? In what ways are you being built up? Conversely, what does it look like to tear others down with our choices in secondary issues?

Read Romans 15:3-4 | Example of Christ and Instruction of Scripture

- In what ways does the example of Christ strengthen you to get along with others? Why is it helpful to remember that Christ was willing to endure suffering, shame, and insult from those he came to serve?
- What does this verse teach us specifically about the Old Testament Scriptures? In what ways does the Old Testament bring us endurance, encouragement, and hope? How might you gain a better understanding of the Old Testament?

Read Romans 15:5-7 | Unified Spirit and Unified Voice

- How might Christians who disagree over secondary issues still live in “harmony”? How can we have differences and still be of “one mind and one mouth”?
- Respond to this statement – “*without unity worship will never be what it was meant to be.*”

WRAP UP

- What open-handed issue have you been holding with a closed fist? Why?
- In what ways have you tended to pass judgment or look down on those who do not see it your way?
- What personal rights have you been less than willing to give up for the good of others and the glory of God?
- What is your next step in Getting Along for the Glory of God?

Next Week – Dr. Mark Wagner