

Romans 15:1-13 Group Discussion Guide

Introduction (10 minutes)

- **Welcome and Prayer:** Open with a brief prayer for wisdom, humility, and open hearts.
- **Prayer Requests**
- **Introduction to Topic:** Briefly explain that the focus will be on how we support one another and live in harmony, based on Romans 15:1-13.

Icebreaker (10 minutes)

- Who is someone who has been a great source of encouragement in your life, and why?

Reading the Passage (10 minutes)

- Ask for volunteers to read Romans 15:1-13 aloud, dividing it into two parts (verses 1-6, then 7-13).
- Encourage participants to take note of any verses that stand out to them.

Discussion Questions (35 minutes)

1. How do you define "bearing with the failings of the weak" (Romans 15:1), and what does this look like in your life?
2. What does it mean to you that "everything that was written in the past was written to teach us" (Romans 15:4)? Can you share a biblical story that has been a source of encouragement?

3. Paul emphasizes living in harmony with one another (Romans 15:5-6). What are some obstacles that make this difficult, and how can they be overcome?
4. What does it mean to "accept one another, just as Christ accepted you" (Romans 15:7), and how can you practice this acceptance?
5. How does the promise of hope, joy, and peace through the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13) impact your outlook in difficult times?

Application Questions (15 minutes)

1. Who in your life could use encouragement, and how can you be intentional about providing it this week?
2. What is one step you can take to promote unity and understanding in your community or family?

Closing (10 minutes)

- **Reflection:** Ask each participant to share one takeaway from the discussion.
- **Closing Prayer:** Pray for humility, love, and the strength to live out Romans 15.