Discovering Meaningful Relationships & Roles

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"We pursue spiritual growth and life change in community"

Demonstrate the heart of God when you accept others into your small group

1. Accepting others is to invite them in

Romans 15:7

Romans 14:1

Romans 14:19

Acts 28:1-2

Philemon 17

2. Jesus is your <u>model</u> regarding how to accept others

Romans 15:7

When we read that "Jesus accepts us," it's not based on how great we are (because we're not), but based only upon what He has done to make us "acceptable"

3. The result of us accepting one another is that God gets the <u>credit</u>

Romans 15:17

Glorifying God is "feeling, thinking and acting in ways that reflect God's greatness"

John Piper

"God's glory was promoted when Christ received us sinners, and it is further advanced when we who are by nature sinners and wrapped up in our own concerns instead receive our brothers and sisters in Christ with warmth and love."

Colin J. Kruse - The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Epistle to the Romans

"You <u>belong</u> here"

Now What?

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