



Sermon Discussion Guide

October 19th, 2025 | Romans 15:1-7 | Pastor Greg Doty

Series // Transformed : Romans 12-16

Summary

Paul continues his message from Romans 14 by calling believers to truly welcome one another—not just with polite gestures, but with a deep, Christlike acceptance that says, “My home is your home.” This kind of welcome isn’t based on agreement or similarity, but on how Christ has welcomed us. The sermon uses the example from Luke 7, where a Pharisee invited Jesus but didn’t truly welcome Him, unlike the woman who poured perfume on Jesus’ feet. We often fail to welcome others because we forget who we were without Jesus.

Paul then urges the “strong” to bear with the “weak”—not just tolerating them, but actively supporting and building them up. He reminds the church that Scripture was given not to win arguments but to give hope.

Finally, Paul prays for unity and harmony, asking that believers would live with one voice and one heart, praising God together. His use of “you” in the plural shows that this call is for the whole community—to live in unity that reflects the welcome of Christ.

Discussion Questions:

Welcome

- What does true “welcome” look like in the church? How is it different from simply being polite or tolerant?
- Why do you think Paul roots our ability to welcome others in the fact that Christ has welcomed us?
- How might forgetting who we were apart from Jesus affect the way we treat others—especially those who are different or “weaker” in faith?
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Bear & Build

- What is the difference between “putting up with” someone and actively bearing with them?
- What does that look like at church—bearing with someone instead of judging them?
- Can you think of a time when someone bore your burdens rather than just tolerated you? How did it impact you?

Harmony

- Paul prays that we would live “in harmony” and sing “with one voice.” Why do you think unity matters so much to God?
- Does unity mean we all have to be the same or agree on everything? Why or why not?
- What practical step could you take this week to make someone feel truly welcomed—like they are “at home”?