

Welcome One Another

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Discussion Questions

1. Take time with your Life Group or family to talk about your first real experience of cultural and ethnic diversity and the beauty as well as the challenges of it. In what ways has this experience shaped who you are today?
2. Carefully read Romans 15:7. One way to define “welcome” is “to receive one with whom you were formerly estranged.” In light of how 2 Corinthians 5:17–19 portrays the gospel, in what way has Jesus Christ received you with whom He was formerly estranged? Share your story of calling on Him for salvation.
3. Romans 15:7 tells us we are to “welcome one another” as Christ has welcomed us. Is there anyone you’re estranged from right now? Think about those around you, but also consider those in our broader society that you are apt to see as “the other.” Who are they?
4. Three times in Matthew 25:25–40 Jesus talks about His followers being able to “see” those who were marginalized (hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and incarcerated). Process with your Life Group or family why being able to “see” is important. What is it you are looking for and why does it matter?
5. Why does it glorify God (see Romans 15:6–7) to welcome those we perceive as different than us? How will this motivate you in the week ahead? What does Romans 15:5 say about the source of our help?

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