

'Be-At-Home' Questions for personal reflection and family conversation

Based on the Message: '**Others: Reject Selfishness. Pursue Service**'

Scripture Sources: **Romans 14, Romans 15:7**

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CONNECT:

Who are some of the most 'accepting of others' people you know? Why did you name them?

ENGAGE:

1. Read through Romans 14: what stands out to you about how we are to treat each other within the family of God? What are we to DO and NOT do? And why?

2. Romans 15:7: what is the basis for genuine acceptance within the family of God?

3. Back to Romans 14! We are clearly instructed to grant latitude to one another when it comes to different interpretations and convictions. This acceptance of diversity is based on a shared conviction of the truth of the Gospel of Christ and the need for all people to experience the salvation that only Jesus can provide.

4. What makes it hard for you to accept others who hold to different points of view/interpretations of Scripture and application to life? Honestly now!

5. According to John's message and the example he taught from Acts 18, the story of Apollos, Aquila and Priscilla, what can you learn about offering a genuine Christian acceptance to others?

"Genuine acceptance grants relational access to engage in respectful and at times challenging conversations." What do you take from that statement?

6. The gracious and warm welcome of Jesus towards us is to be the basis of our acceptance of one another...how can you grow and mature in this expression?

Is it time to confess a judgemental way of living and ask God for help to extend a warm welcome to others?

RESPOND:

What one act of obedience do you believe God is asking of you in light of the Scripture and message today?