

The Christ Who Serves All

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Romans 15:8-13

7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰ And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

I. Jesus has come to _____.

II. Jesus _____ down all _____.

III. Be _____ by the God of _____.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you?
2. How does the example of Jesus being a servant challenge your view on serving others? Especially those we may consider different or difficult to love?
3. Can you share a time when someone served you or welcomed you despite your differences? How did that impact you?
4. Share a time when you stepped out of your comfort zone to welcome someone who was radically different from you. What did you learn from that experience?
5. Reflect on the statement, "God is calling you to serve the people you may have neglected and rejected your whole life."
6. Discuss the connection between serving others and experiencing greater hope, joy, and peace in your own life.
7. What steps can you (and your circle of friends) take to create an environment where all feel welcome?

Next Week: Romans 15:14-21