

SMALL GROUP LESSON

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ROMANS 15:1-7 AND EPHESIANS 4:1-6 AND 4:21-5:2

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In this week's sermon our pastor is utilizing two key passages of Scripture. The first, Romans 15:1-7, sets forth two basic principles as to how God's people can live in harmony with one another. The second, Ephesians 4:1-6 and 4:21-5:2, provides us with examples as to how these principles can be put into practice. So let's take a look at the principles and then discover some ways in which we can implement them in our own lives.

1. Read Romans 15:1-7. In this passage of Scripture, Paul tells us "to bear with the failings of the weak." He then provides us with two ways that we can accomplish this, two key principles for maintaining peace and harmony in the life of the church. Both of these principles are words that begin with the letter "e." What are they and what does each of these words mean?
2. When we apply these two principles to our lives, what happens with regards to our relationship with God and our relationships with one another? Pay special attention to Romans 15: 6-7.
3. Now let's take a look at Ephesians 4:1-6 and 4:21-5:2. Beginning in verse 21, Paul talks about taking off our old way of life and putting on a new way of life. What kinds of things should we be putting on if we want to be "dressed" in Christ likeness?
4. Read Ephesians 5:1-2. In these two verses Paul tells us to become imitators of God. What is he asking us to do, and how can we, as mere human beings, accomplish that? Or to put it another way, how did Christ in his humanity provide us with an example of what it truly means to be like God?