



Purley Baptist Church

Discipleship Guide 20th Sept 2020

Welcome and acceptance (Romans 15:5-13)

This Week's BIG IDEA: As Christians, we are able to accept each other because Christ has accepted us and in doing so has bridged all former divisions with love. Diversity in the church honours God because it reveals how the Holy Spirit alone is able to bridge boundaries with love, which the wider society cannot solve through training and developing ideological stances.

CONNECT IN:

Icebreaker question: Sport, drama, documentary or comedy - if you could only ever watch one category of program which would it be?

CONNECT UP: Fix your eyes on God and give him an opportunity to speak to you through his Word

Starter... When do you feel welcomed and accepted by others?

- 1) Based on the context of this passage, what groups of people is Paul telling to "accept one another"? (v. 7) What might be the equivalent today?
- 2) Why is it important that we be of one mind – what is the purpose of being unified – What does it mean to be of 'one mind,'? (vv. 5-6)
- 3) Do you think God is honoured more in a diverse church than in a mono-church (Where most people sound, look and are from a similar background to me)? Why?
- 4) In what way are we to receive one another? (Romans 15:7)
- 5) The goal of unity is that believers would "together with one voice glorify" God (v. 6). What does this phrase describe? What might this mean for today?

Heartbeat

This week, in your personal quiet times, if you haven't already started using the recalibrate prayer booklet try doing 'The measures we use' exercise.