

Receive One Another  
Romans 15:1-13

Review:

1. Whenever we have a disagreement with Christian brothers and sisters, we follow Jesus' example, not seeking to get our own way, but seeking the good of others.
2. We must not be satisfied to help others at arm's length, but must welcome others, just as Christ received us in spite of our sins.
3. In His ministry to the Jews, Christ showed God's truth and faithfulness, and in His ministry to the Gentiles, Christ showed God's mercy
4. Christ's intention for His Church is to join people from every culture in praise and worship of God.

Go Further: Read Isaiah 11:1-10

1. In verse 1, Isaiah describes the Messiah as a shoot from the stem of Jesse. Since Jesse was King David's father, what promise does this fulfill (see II Samuel 7:16)? Why is it so important that God kept this promise to David?
2. In verse 2, how does God say the Spirit will equip His Messiah?
3. What does God say in verse 3 about the Messiah's motivation?
4. How does God describe the way the Messiah will administer justice in verse 4?
5. With what two things does God say the Messiah will clothe Himself in verse 5? What does this "clothing" tell us about Him?
6. Verses 6 through 8 describe a radical change in the way human beings relate to animals, and the first part of verse 9 summarizes this. What does this description tell us about the Messiah's Kingdom?
7. What does the second part of verse 9 tell us about how the Messiah will change the earth? How does this relate to the Gentiles coming to faith in Christ?
8. What does God say the Gentiles or the nations will do in verse 10? To what does God compare His Messiah in this verse?

Apply:

1. In our disagreements with others, how can we show both truth and mercy?
2. How can we participate in God's plan to draw all the nations of the world to Himself?
3. In our own lives, how can we demonstrate the character of the Messiah that we see described in this passage?