

Living Connections Bible Study



Lord, Make Me a Servant

Prayer

Icebreaker: Tell us about a time when you gave up something you wanted to do to please someone else.

Text: Romans 15:1-13

1. In the context of Romans 14:1-2, 5, 13, 15, 21-22 explain what Paul meant when he said, *We who are strong out to bear with the scruples of the weak and not to please ourselves.* Verse 1

2. How did Paul practice what he preached in this regard? 1 Corinthians 9:19-22

3. What servant attitude should we have toward others? Verse 2; Philippians 2:19-21

4. Who is the supreme example of a servant who gave up His rights, freedoms, and prerogatives for our greatest good? Verse 3; Psalm 69:7-9; Matthew 20:27-28

5. What is the source of the believer's patience, comfort and hope here? verse 4; Acts 20:32

6. What profitable things do we receive from Scripture according to 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable

- *for* _____ – what we need to know about God, about ourselves and others
- *for* _____ – what we need to stop believing or doing
- *for* _____ – what we need to change in our thoughts, attitudes and actions
- *for instruction in* _____ – what we need to do to be right with God and others

that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

7. Discuss what it means to have the same mind (attitude) of Christ toward others? Verses 5-6

Philippians 2:1-8

Ephesians 5:1-2

8. Read the Bible references below and then fill in the blanks.

- *Love one another as Christ has _____ us* John 13:34
- *Forgive one another as Christ has _____ us* Ephesians 4:32
- _____ (put up) *with one another as Christ has forgiven us* Colossians 3:13
- _____ *one another as Christ has _____ us* Romans 15:7

9. If Christ was willing to become a servant/slave to the Jews, with all their legalistic hang ups and strange scruples, what is my responsibility to my weaker brother? Verses 1, 8
Isaiah 53:11; Matthew 15:24

10. What blessing has come to the Gentiles because of Christ's willingness to come as a servant to the Jews to fulfill the promises made to Abraham and his descendants? Verses 8-12; Genesis 12:3, Psalm 18:49; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 117:1; Isaiah 11:10

Think about it this week

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

*My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.
He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.
In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.*

Psalm 62:5-7