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WEEK 16 | Problems

PRAYER

Teacher God, help me to be like minded toward my brothers and sisters. I pray that you remove any division between us. Give us a spirit of cooperation and patience. Give us clear minds full of wisdom to work together in pursuit of holiness. Amen.

From [Prayer Knowing Jesus](#)

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Can you think of a time when you felt most welcomed?

NOTES

WORD

¹We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

[ROMANS 15:1-7](#)

"Christ did not receive us because we were perfect, because he could see no fault in us, or because he hoped to gain somewhat at our hands. Ah, no! But, in loving condescension covering our faults, and seeking our good, he welcomed us to his heart; so, in the same way, and with the same purpose, let us receive one another.

We shall look at the power of the Holy Ghost in three ways this morning. First, the outward and visible displays of it; second, the inward and spiritual manifestations of it; and third, the future and expected works thereof. The power of the Spirit will thus, I trust, be made clearly present to your souls."

- Charles Spurgeon on [Romans 15](#)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = not at all; 10 = extremely), how would you rate how welcome people feel when they are around you? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Regarding verse 1, what do you think it means for those in positions of strength to have an obligation towards the weak? Why is this important?
3. Can you think of any examples where the strong have manipulated the weak? What should have been done in these situations?
4. How can we check that we are helping our neighbours for their good, and not ours?

5. God is described in verse 5 as the God of endurance and encouragement. What is specific about these traits that make them important for us to live in harmony with one another?
6. Would you like to trust in God with your life? Would you like to receive the gift of life found in forever walking with God? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER