

Series: ROMANS 12-16: Putting Your Faith into Action Accepting People Who Are "Different"

Romans 15:7-13

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The Big Idea: **Accepting People** Who Are "Different"

TABLE TALK:

- 1. What kind of people do you find it difficult to accept, and why?
- 2. What is the central teaching of today's text as summarized in Romans 15:7? What's the bigger picture of why this principle is so important? What is the example Christ sets for us to follow in verses 7 and 8?
- 3. Think of one person you have trouble accepting and ask:
 - What is the specific behavior or speech that annoys you?
 - Is it a moral issue—or a difference in personality, values, or priorities?
 - Is it because they have weak faith?
 - Is it because they're from a different tradition or culture than you?
 - Or, are you the one feeling judged and unaccepted because of weak faith or your preferences?
 - Do you really understand where that person is coming from?
 - Can you accept them by faith, as Christ accepted you—even if you can't understand them?
 - What will happen if you don't accept them, and what will happen if you do?

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