

# BELPRES CHURCH

## Sermon Title: Come Together

**Icebreaker Question:** Briefly share one celebration and one struggle from your week with your group.

**Opening Question:** Looking back to last week's sermon and scripture... How did you live differently or practice what we talked about in your life this week? What did you do and how did it go?

### **This week's scripture: Romans 15:1-7**

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. <sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." <sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

**Scripture Reflection Questions:** Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do you feel when you read this scripture (excited, angry, worried, etc...)? Why do you think that is? (Explain in your group and then take that response to Jesus in prayer this week.)
- As you read this scripture, where does it challenge your current cultural context?

**Sermon Reflection Questions:** Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- Read Romans 12:9-12. Considering Sergio's sermon and our goal of becoming a multi-generational, multi-cultural church, what things might we do differently as we consider Romans 12:9-12?

- If efficiency is the enemy of true community, what are the barriers in your life right now that would need to change so that you might be more willing to “waste” time with others or invite people over to your home for a meal?

**Closing Question and Application:** Given what we’ve discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

**Closing group prayer:** Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.