



THE RELATIONAL DISCIPLE

ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER

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Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: We are to accept one another as Christ accepts us.

Read: Accepting one another doesn't just mean putting up with one another. Accepting one another means truly seeing the best in one another as Christ does to us and then living from this position. We are all accepted in Christ and by Christ and it is this knowledge that empowers us to model this very same acceptance to others.

Romans 15:7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

Accepting people to the glory of God. God is glorified by our ability to accept people as the Son accepts us. This acceptance speaks volumes to the person who is being accepted in this way, especially if the person's lifestyle in their own eyes doesn't deserve acceptance. To accept people as they are releases His love and grace towards an individual or group and this impact can be life changing for a person or group.

Jesus accepted all kinds of people from the outcasts, to the religious spirit, the poor, the rich, the sick, the healthy, orphans, widows, those demonised. He could do this because of the love of the Father that was within Him.

Questions:

1. Why is accepting all people as they are so powerful?
2. What does accepting people as they are, communicate to the person?
3. What empowers this acceptance of others?
4. What is the difference between acceptance and putting up with someone?
5. How well do we accept people rather than just put up with them?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.