Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans
Message: Be Like Jesus

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Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Be like Jesus. Put others first because Jesus put you first.

Read Romans 15:1-13

1. The strong are called to bear with the weak by putting the weaker believers first (v 1). Where are you most tempted to prioritize your preferences over the spiritual good of others? How can we recognize the difference supporting a believer with a stricter conscience and unintentionally enabling immaturity?

2. Our aim is not to be self-pleasing but to strengthen others (v 2). Who has intentionally built you up in your faith? What impact did that have on you? How could you intentionally encourage or strengthen someone in your family, workplace, or church this week?

3. Jesus is our ultimate example of self-giving love (v 3). What examples from Jesus' life demonstrate this kind of selflessness? Why is it difficult to follow Christ's example when we feel misunderstood or mistreated? How might your understanding of spiritual maturity change if you measured it not only

by what you know about Christ, but also by how much you reflect His self-giving love?

4. Paul, referencing the Old Testament, says that it was written for our instruction and encouragement (v 4). When has God's Word strengthened you in a challenging moment? What helps move God's Word from something you understand intellectually to something that sustains you practically? What habits could help you experience the endurance and hope described here?

5. Unity enables believers to glorify God with one voice (vv 5-6). Why does unity matter for the reputation of the Christian community? Where do personal preferences typically disrupt unity in churches or groups? What is one step you could take this week to encourage unity?

6. Believers are called to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed them (v 7). How has Christ welcomed you despite your shortcomings? Who are the people you find hardest to welcome? What might it look like to express a more open and welcoming posture?

7. God fills believers with joy and peace as they trust Him, leading to hope through the Holy Spirit (v 13). Our vision is to see 230K people reached with the hope of the gospel by 2030. How does a person or a church that is genuinely filled with hope become a compelling witness to those who are far from God? In your experience, what makes hope noticeable or attractive in someone's life? Where in the Cedar Rapids area do you see the greatest need for real, gospel-rooted hope right now?