

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



*These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.*

### MESSAGE OVERVIEW

The church in Rome had a challenging situation. After the church was founded, all Jews were required to leave Rome. Eventually, they were allowed to return. When the Jewish Christians returned to the church in Rome, it was different. That created challenges for the Roman church. They had to learn to accept one another.

### READ ROMANS 15:1-7

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Talk about a time you experienced rejection when you desperately desired to be accepted. What kinds of feelings did that rejection stir up in you? How might things have been different had you been accepted?

What are some of the obstacles you personally face when it comes to accepting others? A common issue among people of faith is the idea that "if we accept everyone, we'll end up compromising our values." How would you respond to someone who shared that concern with you?

Consider the quote Neil mentioned in his message: "Christians have lost the art of having a firm core and soft edges." How might strengthening our core values help us soften up around the edges?

### APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

In light of what you've experienced, how are you going to be different in the future?