

Welcome

What's something that's easier to do with a team than by yourself?

Worship

Read Psalm 67:1–7 together

and/or

Sing or listen to *The Power of the Cross*



Word

Read Romans 15

1. *Question 1 is optional. I have placed this in here for groups which are wanting a weekly pattern of study to help them keep the same pattern for the weeks when studies aren't prepared by me. Spend 15 minutes before the study thinking about the sub-questions below before coming to your group.*



Before you begin the study form groups of two or three and have each person summarize the passage to the other one. Then, come back to the group and ask

- a. What stands out to you?*
 - b. Where is God?*
 - c. Where are we?*
 - d. Since this is the word of God, what do I need to change in my life?*
2. What words or themes are repeated throughout vv.1–13?
 3. What reasons does Paul give for Christians caring for and welcoming one another?
 4. What do these verses teach us about Jesus?
 5. Why does Paul include so many Old Testament quotations in vv.9–12?
 6. What picture of Christian community emerges from this passage?
 7. How could our church reflect this vision more clearly?

Witness

Is there someone in church whom you don't know well that you could intentionally welcome or encourage this week?

