

# LIFEGROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*These LifeGroup questions are structured to allow for deeper discussions following on from the Sunday sermon. We have two options today, a sharing stream or a bible study stream. You have the option of doing either, or both if time permits.*

### WARMING UP

1. What's the BCEC's vision in one sentence?

*However, please don't limit yourself to just these questions, feel free to ask more questions as the Spirit leads. May the Spirit lead you and your group to dig deeper into knowing more about God.*

### SHARING STREAM:

#### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

- Have you been welcomed?
  - Do you feel welcomed?
  - Are you welcomed?
  - Have you ever been rejected?
  - Have you ever felt left out?
  - Have you ever been ignored?
  - Do you ever feel like you're missing out, whilst everyone else is having fun? FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out)
  - Do you feel like you're overlooked?
  - Do you feel neglected?
  - Do you feel marginalised?
  - Does your race or gender hinder your opportunities?
  - Do people judge you based on your looks?
2. What does it really mean to be rejected? Or accepted?
  3. How is it different to be accepted by Christ vs accepted by people?
  4. But is church really a welcoming place? Why or why not? And if not, how can we as a church be better at this?
  5. In what practical ways can you help with welcome within the church / work place environment/school environment setting?
  6. What are some challenges / insecurities preventing you from making this happen?

*Spend some time praying through these challenges / insecurities.*

### BIBLE STUDY STREAM:

#### READ ROMANS 15:1-7

2. Read through this passage together as a group and again quietly to yourselves to process. What statements jump out the most to you? Why?
3. Why do you think Paul wrote these things in this passage? What do you think were his intentions?
4. Compare and contrast any adjectives and verbs Paul uses. Spend some time pulling them apart and defining those terms to get a deeper understanding of the passage. Ask each other, why this word?
5. Would you consider the things here to be a command? Why or why not?
6. What was written in the "former days" of v4?
7. What visual pictures can we draw from this passage in terms of God's nature and his vision for the church?
8. Are there other passages in the bible of a similar nature to this passage? Please share. What are the similarities and differences?
9. How can we apply this to our current church context? What can be done about it?
10. What are some challenges / insecurities preventing you from making this happen?

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