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VERSE 4

God has designed His word, that when you dig in deeply, it's effect is:

I _____: (*II Timothy 3:16-17*)

P _____: (*James 5:10-11; Galatians 6:9-10*)

E _____: (*I Corinthians 15:58*)

*This instruction, perseverance and encouragement
from the scriptures brings _____.*

VERSES 5-6

John 17:20-23

Our corporate worship together is meant to be with NO divisions...

but in _____.

WHY? *Romans 11:36*

So that the unity of God himself would be _____!

VERSES 7-9

Ephesians 2:12-16

"Therefore, _____ one another"

YOU'LL NEVER DISCOVER THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN,

'TIL YOU GET OFF THE BEACH

VERSES 1-2

We are called to be willing to _____,
in order to _____ others.

TWO CLARIFICATIONS

FIRST: (*Romans 5:3; Psalm 100:2*)

"to not just please ourselves," does NOT mean that we that
we can't enjoy _____.

SECOND: (*Galatians 1:10; I Thessalonians 5:13b-16*)

God doesn't want us to simply be
_____.

Aim to please others, rather than yourself,

IF it will do them good and _____ their faith,

and NOT _____ the gospel.

VERSE 3

Paul holds up the example of _____ himself.

Isaiah 53:3

Philippians 2:1-8

Jesus is not just our p_____, but our p_____

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PREPARING to be with One Another:

Use a separate sheet of paper or notebook to work through these questions in advance of your Growth Group gathering. The more people come prepared, the richer and deeper and more real our discussions will be with one another.

CONNECTING with One Another

Open your time by checking in with one another to see how you're doing and how one another's week was. Here's one possible get to know you question . . .

What is your favorite dessert?

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD with One Another

1. We are called to be willing to give up, in order to build up others in Romans 15:1-2. What do the following passages say about the two clarifications we looked at? Acts 14:22; Romans 5:3; Psalm 100:2; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:13b-16.
2. What do you see as the significance in Paul's using Christ himself as our example in Romans 15:3 & 7? Look again at Philippians 2:1-8 and 1 John 2:6.
3. When we dig deeply into the word, what should it's effect be on us according to Romans 15:4? Look again at 2 timothy 3:16-17, Galatians 6:9-10 and 1 Corinthians 15:58.

4. Paul prays for our unity in Romans 15:5-6 and then calls us to accept one another in verse 7. What do we see in our text as the motivation for our striving for this unity and acceptance of each other? (THIS IS KEY!!!)

APPLYING God's Word with One Another

1. Do you see yourself as one of the "strong" or one of the "weak" in Romans 15:1? WHY? AND THEN WHAT?
2. What distracts us (and more importantly you) from committing ourselves to building up and accepting each other?
3. What can you practically do to overcome these distractions? Pick one or two of these to grow in this week.
4. How can your Growth Group and maybe a good friend help keep you accountable in our commitment to building covenant community here at Grace?

PRAYING for One Another

1. Quickly share personal requests.
2. Use the truth of the message as a "springboard" to pray for your personal growth and your Growth Group.