



Small Group Study Notes

Gemstone: Hope

Romans 15:1-13

- Start by going around and telling of a time when you “hoped” for something and either got it, or didn’t get it?

Read through our passage again: Romans 15:1-13

The sermon for this passage revealed the role that “hope” has to play in the virtues of “faith,” “unity,” and “praise.” All three of these are wrapped up in verse 8-9a: *“For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy.”*

Lets look at these 3 observations:

(1) - **FAITH:** *“Christ has become a servant...” “...to confirm the promises...”*

Think it through:

How does being filled to overflowing (vs 13) with “hope” help you to live by faith? to serve others? to follow God and believe His promises?

Read: Hebrews 12:2-3 to see how Jesus ENDURED the cross by using “hope.”

(2) - **UNITY:** *“so that the Gentiles...”*

Think it through:

How does being filled to overflowing (vs 13) with “hope” help you unite with those different from yourself? desire to walk together and wait for with the weak in faith?

Read: Hebrews 3:6 to see Jesus’ role in uniting God’s HOUSE as we hold on to “hope.”

(3) - **PRAISE:** *“...my glorify God for his mercy”*

Think it through:

How does “hope” lead us to praise? How does looking back at God’s mercy move us forward towards worship? Do you think it is possible to praise God without “hope?”

Read: Hebrews 10:23-25 to see where holding to “hope” leads.