

ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

GETTING STARTED:

1. Have you ever judged a person at church based on appearance?

DIGGING DEEPER:

2. What was the result of Jesus' love and acceptance of others (Luke 7:36-38; Luke 19:1-8)? How should this motivate us toward accepting one another?
3. Jesus was constantly found hanging out with sinners (John 4:28-30; John 9:13-29). What is the typical response of these sinners after an encounter with Jesus?

APPLICATION:

4. Do you think Verde Baptist is a place where people feel welcome? What can you do to help this be a more welcoming and accepting church?

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David Ferguson wrote in his book *Never Alone Church*, "We all have a deep relational need for others to accept who we are." Each of us is longing for acceptance, and not acceptance just for the "normal" person we try to act like we are, but we truly want to be accepted for the kind of weird person that we actually are. The "accept one another" command we find in *Romans 15:7* addresses this basic need and desire that we all have. The church is a beautiful thing; a bunch of imperfect people joining together to fulfill God's perfect plan. Accepting one another is part of that plan.

1. **The Command:** "Accept one another."
2. **The Example:** "Just as Christ accepted you."
3. **The Result:** "In order to bring praise to God."

APPLICATION

How welcoming and accepting are we at Verde Baptist Church?

NEXT WEEK 5/8 • Serve One Another (*Galatians 5:13*)
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