

# Group Leader Guide-Mar 16 2025

## Sermon Recap

*Romans 15:1-7, 8-13; Luke 17:10; Philippians 2:4-5; Psalm 69:9; 2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:50; Romans 14:1, 3; Romans 12:1*

In this sermon, Pastor Alex emphasizes the importance of using our strengths to uplift others, particularly those who are weaker in faith. He draws from the teachings of Paul in Romans, urging believers to reflect Christ's example of selflessness and service, which is rooted in the Scriptures. Pastor Alex highlights that our actions should glorify God and be motivated by love, creating a unified community that welcomes each believer with the same welcome of Christ. Ultimately, he reminds the congregation that true joy and peace come from trusting in God and allowing the Holy Spirit to empower our interactions with one another.

## Quotes

"Christ is our example, our motivator, our incentive." ~Pastor Alex

"The more we agree with Jesus and about Him, the more we will agree with one another." ~John Stott

## Discussion Questions

What does it mean to use our strength to help others rather than to hurt them, according to the sermon?

- Pastor Alex discussed the importance of using our strengths positively to uplift others instead of being self-serving.
- Think about a time when you had to make a choice about how to use your strength. How did you decide to use it, and what was the outcome for you and others?
- How have others lifted you up with their own strength, what was that like? What did that reveal to you about Christ?

In Romans 15:1-7, it talks about the strong bearing the failings of the weak. What does this mean in practical terms for our relationships?

- The sermon highlighted that those who are strong in faith have an obligation to support and lift up those who are weak, specifically to do good to them and build them up.
- Can you identify someone in your life who might be considered weak in faith? How could you support them more effectively?

Pastor Alex mentioned that every person has strengths given by God. How can we recognize and acknowledge the strengths in ourselves and others?

- The message pointed out that recognizing our strengths is vital for helping others rather than ignoring them or using them incorrectly.
- Reflect on your own strengths. How can you intentionally use them to serve someone else in your community or family?

How does prayer play a role in unifying a community, especially when there are disagreements?

- Pastor Alex emphasized praying for unity, pointing to the need for God's help to live harmoniously despite differences.
- When was the last time you prayed for unity among your friends or family? What did you pray for, and what impact did it have?

Why is it important to include worship as a part of recognizing and accepting each other in faith, as mentioned in the sermon?

- The sermon discussed how worship brings focus to Jesus and helps us overcome our differences in opinions or weaknesses.
- In what ways can you incorporate more worship into your interactions with others to strengthen your community?

## **Prayer**

- Start with any prayer requests from the group.
- Ask God to help us apply the message of using our strength to lift others up in our daily lives.
- Pray for unity and love within the group as we support one another.
- Request God's help to be mindful of our actions and how they affect those around us throughout the week.

## **Rewatch the Sermon**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/bJ8VwKo1q84>