

ROMANS 15: CHURCH OF GIVERS

Warm-up: Looking back at your life, were there particular people who gave you attention – perhaps at school or in your family or during your Christian walk? What did they do and how important was that to you?

PART 1 – GIVING ATTENTION

1. Read Numbers 6:24-26. What is so significant about the fact that God turns His face to us? Why is it so important to be face-to-face with a person?
2. In Ps Paul's sermon, he talked about the word atunement – what is the difference between attunement and giving attention? When in life is atunement particularly important? E.g. parents and babies?
3. What prevents us being attentive to other people? How can we better at it? Share some of your own experiences of giving and receiving attention from people, for example, with other Christians in the church. How do we feel when people do not give us attention?
4. Read Luke 13:12 – how did Jesus react to the woman? Think of some people that you could be attentive to this week.

PART 2 – GIVING TIME TO MAKING DISCIPLES

READ: Romans 15:14-20

1. What were the 3 things in verse 14 that Paul commended the Roman Christians for? Why are these important for us as Christians? Discuss what each means?
 - Filled with goodness – looking to bless others. Examples from CBC
 - Filled with knowledge. Reading, retaining & putting into practice the Word of God. Luke 8:15. Nurturing knowledge. Knowing the living Word.
 - Competent to instruct one another. Learners become teachers.
2. The scriptures talk about discipling. What do we mean by discipling others (helping others follow Jesus)?
3. How could the 3 attributes mentioned before be important in discipling people in the church?
4. Share about your experiences in discipling others. Are you currently discipling anyone?
5. Who are you accountable to? Why might that be important? Read Prov 27:17 - Iron sharpens iron.
6. What did Jesus tell us to do – Matt 28:19 and how did Paul express this - Rom 15:20-21.
7. What other ways could we be a church of givers?

PRAYER: Pray that God will show you who to be attentive to this week and where He could use you to make disciples.

