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Week 39 – All About Jesus (Rom. 15:1-14)

Message Notes:

Life Application:

The Big Idea:

“I myself am convinced that you are full of goodness...” (Romans 15:14). We are filled with the character of Christ through our new life in union with the Holy Spirit. And this all by His grace! Let’s walk in that humble confidence as we move forward into the future together!

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. During the weekend message, we discovered that the church is for us, but not ONLY for us. Do you sometimes see the church as a means to your own ends, or do you truly believe that you're part of God's plan of redemption for a lost world in chaos? Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. *"What might God do through a church that is safe enough for the broken to break down and the fallen to fall down?"*
 - This question was asked in the weekend message. Without underestimating God's abilities, how would you answer it?
3. *We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak...Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.* (Romans 15:1-2).
 - What are the day-to-day pressures, struggles, tensions or realities that make it difficult to live those verses in practical ways?
 - As disciples of Jesus living under the blessings of the New Covenant, what are some of the advantages we have over those who followed God under the Old Covenant?
 - How do these advantages empower and encourage us in displaying the life of Christ to others?
4. Just as Paul told the Jewish Christians that God's plan of salvation was for them, but not *only* for them (verses 7-13) – so also Christ's Church is for us, but not *only* for us. How has American consumerism impacted the way that people relate to engaging with "church" in our culture? What solutions might help us reverse these trends?

Promptings:

5. Being as transparent as possible, do you honestly live with the mindset that your church is for you, but not *only* for you? If so, how is your lifestyle reflecting this. If not, how has a consumer-driven approach to church influenced you, if at all, and how might you allow God to make that shift from consumer-driven to mission-driven in your approach to being a part of Christ's church?