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Making sense of yourself & the world you live in.

## Week 6: Eliminate Negative People From Your Life

Primary Passage: Romans 15:1-7

Related Passages: Psalm 69, John 2:24-25, Hebrews 11 and 12:3

*"We forget that God's primary goal is not changing our situations or relationships so that we can be happy, but changing us through our situations and relationships so that we will be holy."*

- Paul David Tripp

### LifeGroup Study Guide:

**Read and Recap:** Have someone read Romans 15:1-7 and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- How do you see the message, "eliminate negative people from your life," being preached in our culture?

**Reread Romans 15:1.** How does relational strength and maturity actually come from bearing with difficult people instead of avoiding them? What do we miss out on if the only people we share life with are similar to us and easy to get along with?

**Reread Romans 15:2.** Where are you most tempted to use your relationships to please yourself? (e.g. marriage, parenting, neighbors, roommates, friendships, LifeGroup?) How has this mentality harmed your relationships?

**Read Romans 15:3 and Hebrews 12:3.** Looking at Jesus' life and death, in what ways did He live contrary to the mantra of eliminating negative people from His life? In what ways have you been difficult to love?

- What can we apply from Jesus' selfless love to our own difficult relationships? What does considering Jesus' selfless love look like for you?

**Reread Romans 15:7.** What steps of hospitality do we need to take as a group to welcome broken, sinful people into our lives? What steps do you need to take personally?

**Pray** that your LifeGroup can grow in welcoming broken and sinful people into your lives, just as Jesus has welcomed you.

**Pray** that we as a church family would continue to grow as a safe place for sinful and broken people.