

## NEXT STEPS:

**[CONNECT] Pray For the Hurting:** *Spend some time praying to God for a friend or family member that is currently experiencing difficulties in life. Sacrifice your time.*

**[GROW] Thank God:** *Because of Jesus we are all blessed. What can you take time to simply express gratitude to God for even in a time of hardship?*

**[SERVE] Join a Life Group:** *Make a comment to other Christians, helping one another to grow strong in our faith.*

## REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

### **Read Romans 15:1-21**

- *Who is the most influential person in your life? Why?*
- *Is there anyone in your life that God has used you to be an influence towards for the Kingdom of God?*
- *In what ways are you serving others, rather than pleasing yourself? How can you be motivated by Christ's example in your sacrificial service to others?*
- *Read Romans 15:4. How does this verse shape the way you read and experience the Bible?*
- *How does Paul's example encourage or challenge you in your own purpose in life?*
- *Whose troubles or struggles do you find yourself bearing? How can you pray for them right now?*
- *How can you, in simple ways, be an example of a life lived with God?*



## What's Happening at Wave Church SD?

### **Stay Connected Online. Subscribe to Wave's Podcast!**

Let's be honest... our lives are busy! Jobs, kids, and responsibilities often take us away from our spiritual family at Wave. Just because you can't be at Wave on Sunday, does not mean you have to miss out on connecting to Jesus and His Church! Stay connected to Wave & Listen to Wave Sermons online! Visit the iTunes store and search for Wave Church SD

### **Wave Weekly Newsletter**

Did you know Wave has a weekly digital newsletter? Get connected and join Wave's weekly newsletter by simply writing your name, email & "join newsletter" on your communication card and drop it in the communication card and offering box!

### **Wave is on The Bible App**

Download and open the Bible App on any smartphone. Click "More" on the bottom of your screen. Click "Events" then click Wave Church SD! Here you will find this morning's Sermon outline, links to up coming events, and more!

### **Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Wave!**

Wave is turning 5 on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>!!!  
Come celebrate with us in Service and party afterwards with Street Tacos & Festivities in the park!

## “A NEW PURPOSE IN LIFE”

### Romans 15:1-21

#### HOW TO USE MY INFLUENCE FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

**Romans 15:1-3** *We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.<sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.<sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.”*

#### ➤ **LIVE SACRIFICIALLY TO BUILD OTHERS UP.**

**Romans 15:4** *<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

#### ➤ **RESPOND TO LIFE WITH CONSISTENT HOPE.**

**Romans 15:5-7** *<sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

#### ➤ **LIVE IN FAMILY WITH OTHERS THAT ARE FOCUSED ON JESUS.**

#### ➤ **GET A BIGGER PURPOSE.**

**Romans 15:8-9** *<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.*

**Romans 15:14-21** *<sup>14</sup>I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. <sup>15</sup>But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God<sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup>In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. <sup>18</sup>For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, <sup>19</sup>by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; <sup>20</sup>and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation, <sup>21</sup>but as it is written, “Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.”*

#### **MY PURPOSE:**

**BE A LIVING EXAMPLE OF A LIFE LIVED WITH GOD.**