

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## ALLELON: WEEK 4

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to [southeastchristian.org](http://southeastchristian.org) to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Think of a time in your life when you felt rejected. What happened in that moment? What did that feel like? On the flipside of that, when was a time in your life when you felt accepted and welcomed? What was that experience like? How does the pain of rejection compare with the joy of acceptance?

How does our world define acceptance? How does this relate to the definition of acceptance Matt shared ("Receive someone into your life and see them as valuable.")? What would that kind of acceptance look like in practice?

Read Romans 15:7-12. How did Jesus bring down the barriers between Jews and Gentiles? Given that He had accepted both people groups, how did they need to accept one another? How have you seen Jesus bringing down barriers between people in our day?

How has Jesus accepted you? How has He received and valued you? What are some practical ways you can extend that same spirit of acceptance and belonging to the people around you? Who's one person you can begin with this week?

Read Luke 5:27-32. Why do you think Levi invited these people to join him at the banquet? Why would he have wanted them to experience Jesus? What are some opportunities you can create in order to invite people to "come and see" who Jesus is?

How does Jesus describe His mission in Luke 5:31-32? In what ways have Christians today embraced this mission? In what ways have we struggled with it? How can we – both individually and corporately – do a better job at joining Jesus in His work?