



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS – Think Humbly

Community Group Study Guide Romans 12:3-8 – Week of October 23rd, 2022

1. Think humbly about yourself

After firmly declaring to us over the last few chapters the grace of God in His election of those He has chosen, Paul pivots to remind us that we ought not think more highly of ourselves than we should. Instead, we are instructed to soberly evaluate ourselves based on the measure of faith that God has given to us. Our natural inclination is to consider ourselves as the most important person in our lives. A renewed mind should no longer prioritize love for self, but love for God and love for neighbor. Our proper response should be to pursue a work for the Lord, and no longer the work of our own kingdom. This requires us to be humble when we consider ourselves. In turn, God gives grace to those who are humble.

2. Think humbly about fellow believers

Now that we have been saved, we are called out of our isolation into a body. We have been redeemed to be dependent and interconnect with the body of Christ. Furthermore, we are to sacrificially serve each other within the body. In order to do this, we have to have a heart position that is humble toward one another. This is why we are instructed to think of others more significant than ourselves. This mindset creates true unity within the body. In humility, we can see all the different ways that God has gifted His body, and value them. We rejoice in that God has gifted members of the with different abilities, with each of us desiring to serve the other.

3. Think humbly about our gifts

Paul continues to clarify that all the gift that we have are valued, needed, and given as a grace from God. The body allows for the flourishing of the gifts, and we have a calling to use those gifts practically in services for the body. This is why we are instructed to be in the fellowship of the body.

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

That all good gift that we have come by the grace of God. Therefore, we should be humble about ourselves, and all those spiritual abilities that God has given to us.

Heart

We are able to love and serve the body of Christ by having a proper heart position. This requires us to have humility in our view of ourselves, and in turn consider others more significant.

Hands

With a understanding that our gifts are a grace from God, and that we have a calling to service His people, then we should apply ourselves liberally to serving of Gods Church using those gifts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership 101

October 30th @ 1pm

Prayer Night

November 6th @ 5pm

Read Romans 12:3-8

1. Paul notes in verse 3 that he is giving this instruction out of the “grace given to” him. Why is this significant? What principles or practices can we glean from this approach?
2. Paul starts with, and reinforces, that Christians ought not think of themselves more highly than they should. Why is this calling for humility so essential to our faith? How does humility effect obedience?
3. When was the last time you repented of pride? What initialized that repentance?
4. How do we “think with sober judgement” regarding ourselves? What are practical ways to tune our judgement?
5. What gifts are available to the body? How do we determine what gifts we have? What steps can we take to confirm our gifts?
6. What should be our response to understanding the gifts that God has given us? How are you implementing your proper response in your own life?
7. Where has the Spirit been humbling you? What lessons have you been learning from the process?