

# BASE CAMP

THE STRATEGY FOR THE CLIMB



I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— that is, **that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith**. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

**Romans 1:11-13**

## “Romans Road”

As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; (Romans 3:10)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

“Romans Road” Continued...

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

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## A Different Romans Road

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

## A Different Romans Road (cont.)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, (Romans 10:12)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7)

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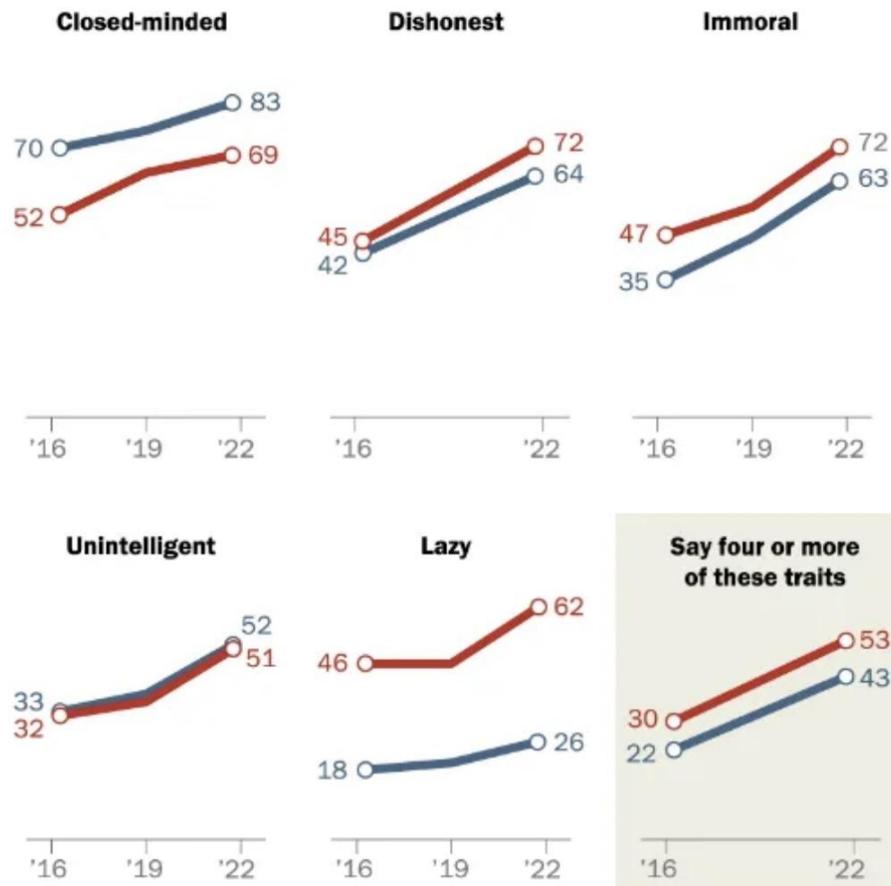
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## Growing shares of both Republicans and Democrats say members of the other party are more immoral, dishonest, closed-minded than other Americans

% who say members of the *other* party are a lot/somewhat more \_\_\_\_\_ compared to other Americans

— Republicans say Democrats are more ...  
 — Democrats say Republicans are more ...

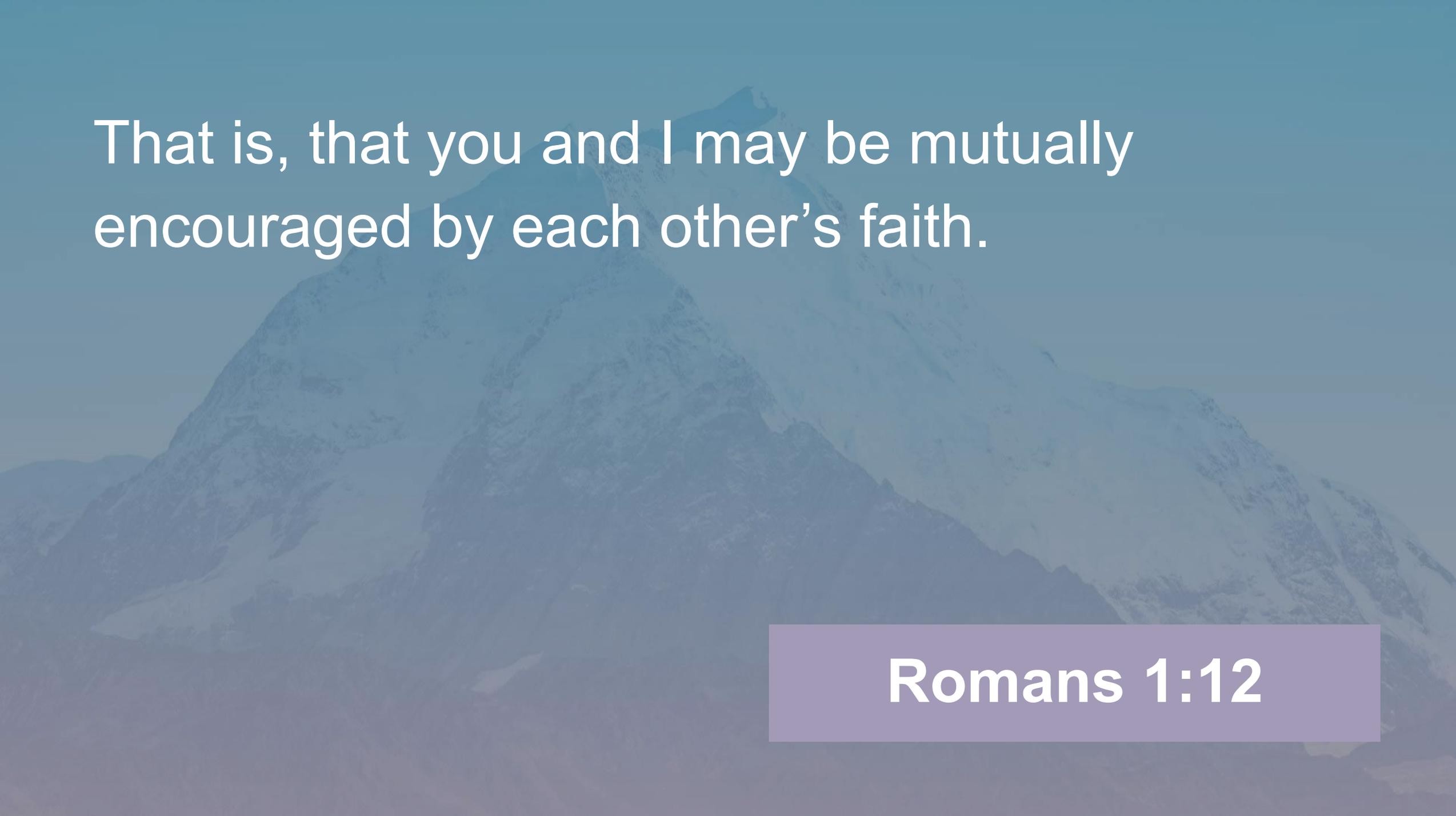


Note: Partisans do not include those who lean to each party.  
 Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted June 27-July 4, 2022.

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**Romans 1:12**

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Faith groups help you share personal details and feelings you would not otherwise share to others and get a biblical perspective on it. -Lance Guthrie



It is a great way to start the week and be challenged by the insight of the others in the group, and be inspired just knowing there are others who are seeking to know God better and live out what they believe.

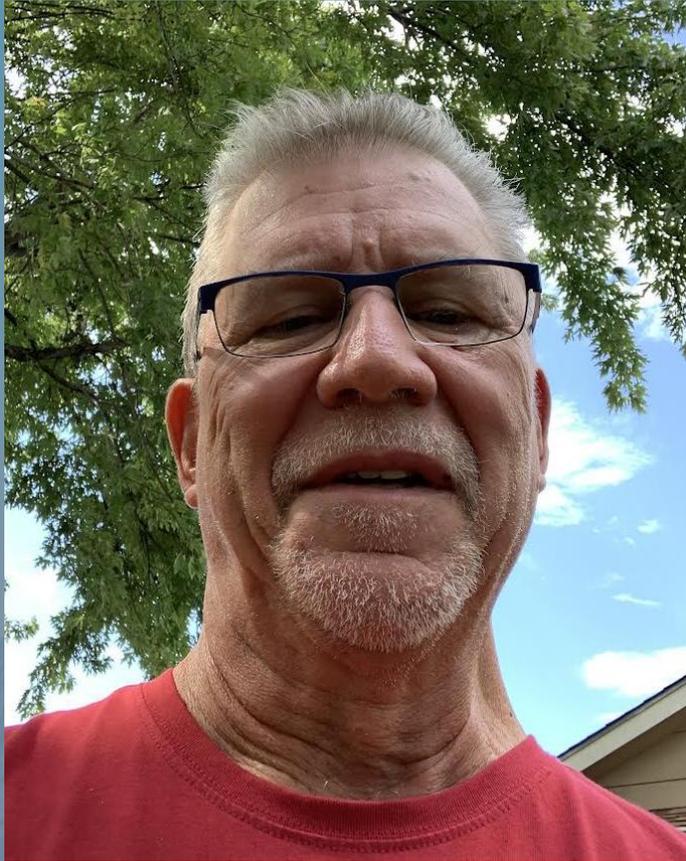
-Jim Loewen



We point each other to God... no matter what life issue we're struggling with. -Sue Bransford



My Journey groups inspire me and help me see through their thoughts about how much God knows me, cares about me and just how willing and able He really is to help me and love me. I see now God does have a perfect plan, one that is good. -Chad Lambert



This Christian walk is all about relationships, first with Jesus and then with our Christian brothers and sisters. That's the beautiful thing about these groups. We share each other's burdens, we praise together. It's a family. -Don Plinsky



My little family in particular doesn't have any extended family whatsoever that live in the state of Kansas so local friends are our family and they have come from Bible studies or Sunday School classes. -Chantel Borchers



We've been with our Life Group for about 6 years now. We've walked through a lot of life circumstances together, and have prayed for each other and supported each other through the good and the bad. We encourage each other in our faith journeys, and can also discuss openly and honestly the issues that we're struggling with. The benefit to us has been immeasurable. -Jason and Becky Klassen



Church groups for me have been a great outlet to talk through what it means to live out our faith during trying circumstances and deep personal struggles. In my experience, it is infinitely valuable to have trusted people of faith walking beside you, even if they aren't able to walk the road for you. -Tillie Ehresman



It's a safe place to share our praises and concerns (even the ones that might seem silly or embarrassing in a larger group setting). We eat together (alot!), bicycled together, have done service projects, traveled to conferences, attended funerals of loved ones and of course, studied the Bible. Our group has become like extended family to us. Hearing their perspectives on passages or speakers is always interesting and thought-provoking. -Michelle Harms



I started attending Ridgepoint about 7 years ago. I came alone for about a year and I jumped into a Bible Study group right away. This group helped me feel connected and was a wonderful transition for me. Less than a year later I attended a "life group showcase" (for lack of a better description) and joining a life group was a complete game changer. -Kim Hoetmer



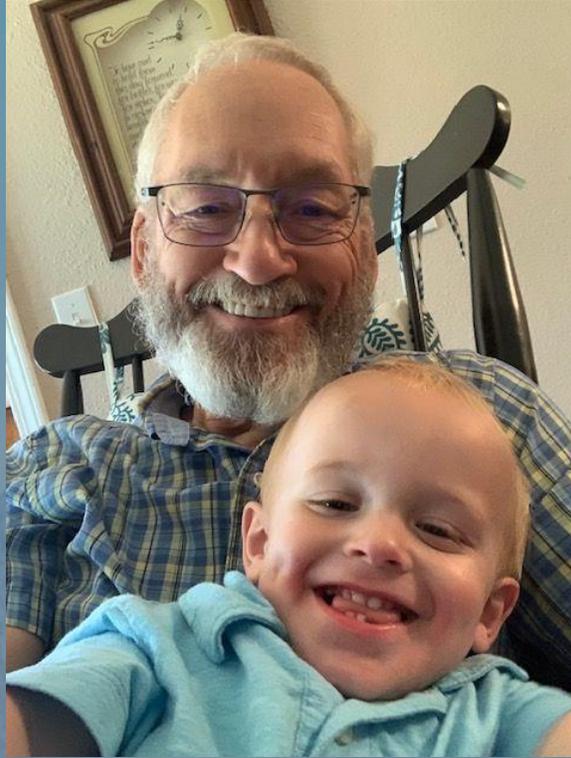
No matter how good or bad my week has gone, connecting with my friends and fellow Christians on Sunday morning helps me center my life on what is MOST important.... GOD! It all starts and ends there!! They make my life better!! -Chris Eddy



It's incredible how really diving into a group, allowing yourself to share just a little bit can take you from feeling so alone to seeing and experiencing grace in a real way. Seeing that I share more battles and trials with the person in the Church pew behind me was a massive catalyst in my faith. -Taylor Heyen



In our men's ministry we have several groups to build on our growth in our relationship and understanding of the Holy Trinity. The horizontal life long relationship of brothers lifting each other up in our growth is essential to keep moving closer toward that vertical relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. -Jeff Hoggatt



A group of men, loving one another, old in age, young at heart, encouragement of the Scriptures, life's lessons, who Christ is today, His promises, through the Bible.

-Richard Jansen



Groups have ways of communicating and there have been many times that when a group text or a GroupMe note note is exactly what is needed at that specific time. -Mike Hearne

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One of the best ways to grow in your faith is to be in community with other believers, as is typically done in LifeGroups here in our church. We are excited about leading a new type of Group, that starts and ends, then mixes up. We hope that it will be a good way for new people and those attending for some time to connect with each other, while growing in their relationships with God. -Jerrod and Emily Shafer