



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on August 6th, 2023

Romans 12:1-13 (NASB)

12 Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. 4 For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body's parts do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another. 6 However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly: if prophecy, in proportion to one's faith; 7 if service, in the act of serving; or the one who teaches, in the act of teaching; 8 or the one who exhorts, in the work of exhortation; the one who gives, with generosity; the one who is in leadership, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Love must be free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor, 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

What or who are you devoted to?

To prepare your group's minds, look up and play Andrew Peterson's "Romans 11 (Doxology)" song on your favorite music streaming device.

Read Romans 12:1-3

These two verses contain who we are to be because of who God is (see Romans 11:33-36). What are some ways we can practically present our bodies to God?

What are some ways we can renew our minds?

What's a healthy way of thinking of ourselves? Who are we to view ourselves next to? (Hint: Romans 11:33-36)

Read Romans 12:4-8

Are gifts here different than talents or the same? What is a healthy way of thinking about them?

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When we use our gifts, what encouragement is Paul giving us?

Read Romans 12:9-15

Paul's main thought here is describing what being devoted to one another looks like. Of all of these descriptors, which one have you seen someone else do in your life?

What is one area you would like to get better in? Is there a way you can do that in this group? Is there a way you can do that in our church?

How can this group take the next step in being devoted to one another?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

