Members of One Another

Romans 12:3-5 & 1 Peter 4:7-11

The two big, main questions for this summer class:

1. Why does God command us to love?
2. How do we do this command in our lives and as members of another in the body?

Today, we are addressing the second question primarily. Particularly, **how do we do** the command of **"to love"** towards one another. How do we take the knowledge of the command "to love" and apply that knowledge in practice? In short, how do we as an act of **wisdom (which is knowledge applied to action)** practice "to love" another as members of one another in Christ's body?

Foundational Questions to keep in mind as you discuss the textual questions:

    A. **What is love for God? What is its definition? True love for God defined:** *the right, whole person response to God's full-orbed revelation of himself in all his grace and glory.*

    B. **How do we do this command in our lives and as members of another in the body?**

Romans 12:1-8 General Observations

Small group discussion block #1 questions

Textual questions to Romans 12:1-8

1. **In v. 4-5 Paul states that many members of the one body of Christ do not all have the same function - how might this be an encouragement to a local church body? How might that be an encouragement to a local church when considering its place in the global church?**

2. How should we view others' gifts in body? How should we view our own?

1 Peter 4:7-11 General Observations

Small group discussion block #2 questions

Textual questions to 1 Peter 4:7-11

1. In verse 8, Peter says to be "loving one another earnestly." He then says "since love covers a multitude of sins." What does this mean, that love "covers" a multitude of sins and why are we to be earnest about it?

2. We noticed how, like Paul, Peter also appeals to his readership to be "sober-minded." Considering our conversation and thoughts around our first discussion block surrounding Romans 12:1-8 and now with 1 Peter 4:7-11, why is it important to be "sober minded?" How does this help us steward our varied gifting in the body?