

CENTERGROVE CHURCH

Scriptures for further study

Hebrews 2:17-18 | Hebrews 4:14-16 | John 5:17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Romans 12:15

"Bold love in a broken world meets others where they are, as they are and joins them there." -Dr. Steve Cortis

1. Paul urged Roman believers to exercise sympathetic understanding in their relationships with one another, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep." What immediately comes to mind when you hear the words, "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep?"
2. Which do you think is more difficult: to celebrate with other believers who are rejoicing or to weep with those who are hurting? Why?
3. Believers were to develop the capacity through love to share deeply one another's celebrations and pain. Instead of envying others' accomplishments and recognition, they were to join in genuine congratulations. What can we do to rejoice with those who rejoice?
4. When loss produced grief, believers were to share others' sorrow. As Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians, when one part of the body hurts, the entire body hurts (1 Cor. 12:26). What can we do to weep with those who weep?
5. We are to practice the unusual habit of sharing the happiness of the happy and the sorrow of the sad. How does the example of Jesus help us to live this way?
6. In verse 9, Paul encouraged the Roman believers to "let love be genuine." Where have you failed to show love well to those around you in the past? How will you pursue loving others well in the future?