



# beautiful community

## Hillside Church of Marin - Small Group Discussion Guide

Part 3: Root and Body; Romans 10:9-13; 11:17-18; 12:3-8; on 04/7/24

Main Point: As followers of Christ we are part of a rich and diverse community, the family of God.

### Getting Started

1. What stood out to you from this week's talk? Why?
2. In your day in day out life, do you think about your faith as being primarily individual and personal, or dependent on community?

### Read Romans 10:9-13; 11:17-18; 12:3-8

3. What does Romans 10 tell us about who we get connected to God and His family? Why do you think he mentions Jew and Gentile in these verses?
4. How does being saved to a community of diversity change how we practice our faith?
5. Why is humility important for Christian community? Why is pride so damaging?
6. How does the good news of Jesus call us to be humble?
7. Based on these verses how do you think Jesus might respond to someone who says they like Jesus but don't want to be connected to the church?
8. Steve commented on these passages saying "We are joined in a community where we are inherently interdependent. We need one another to become and function as the people we were created to be." Do you think these passages support this? How do you feel about that?
9. In what ways is the community that these scriptures point us to countercultural in our society?

### Application

10. Look at 12:7-8. What gift do you have that could be added to this list if Paul were writing to you.
11. Have you ever been able to use that gift to benefit the church community? Tell the story!
12. Have you ever been blessed by someone else using their gifts in the church? Tell the story!
13. Diversity in our relationships tends to require a degree of intentionality. What are some ways you could invest in relationships that cross social, economic, racial, cultural, or generational lines?
14. What is your main action step in response to the conversation today? Be specific. Is there a way this group can support you in your Response?

### Prayer

15. Ask the group if there are things they will be praying for this week that the group can join them in praying. Pray for those things.
16. Pray that God would form your small group, and by extension Hillside, into a beautiful community of Jesus Christ.