



## Hillside Church of Marin - Small Group Discussion Guide

Part 5: Love in Practice; Romans 12:9-19; on 04/21/24

Main Point: As followers of Christ we called to be proactive in loving in the day to day realities of life..

### Getting Started

1. What stood out to you from this week's talk? Why?
2. Little disagreements can grow into larger ones if we don't address them. Does anyone have a funny story to share about something fairly trivial leading to a rift in a relationship?

### Read Romans 12:9-16

3. These verses are packed with practical and convicting commands. Which ones do you find particularly convicting and why?
4. Christians are called to Jesus shaped love. Reread this entire passage inserting Jesus' name as the fulfillment of every mandate. For example, "Jesus is sincere." or "Jesus is not proud or conceited but is willing..."
5. As a group pick on of these verses and spend a good 5-10 minutes unpacking what it looks like in everyday life.
6. In what ways is the type of love that these scriptures point us to countercultural in our society?
7. These are not really unusual or unfamiliar teachings - we've all heard them before. Why do you think it can be hard for us to live this way?
8. Where do you need forgiveness for your failure to love like Christ? Where do you need divine help to grow and change?
9. How does the gospel offer hope in the midst of our failure to love like Jesus?
10. 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

11. 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.
12. Pray that God would come alongside each person in the group as they seek to love with God's proactive love.