

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

As we journey through Romans, the aim is to meet God in a fuller and deeper way as we explore the foundational, majestic truths we find there. And for our response to be a life of worship on mission for Him until Christ returns.

Romans 12:1

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (ESV)

Romans 1:8-15 – Fellowship of the Believer

(Pastor John's sermon Point I: Thankful to God)

1. Consider verse 8: Paul begins by expressing thankfulness to God for the believers in Rome. Pastor John noted how the fellowship of believers is marked by thankfulness to God through Jesus Christ. **How is it going with your baseline perspective towards other believers being thankfulness to God?**
2. Paul commends the believers in Rome for their faith (v. 8), which is what they are known for. **What are you known for? Talk about aspects of a life that is known for faith in Christ** (Examples: generosity, hospitality, talking about Jesus, humble confidence, joy).

(Point III: Faithful to One Another)

3. In verses 11-12, Paul says he longs to see the believers in Rome "that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

Talking about this verse, John Piper has said (paraphrase) do not get all worked up trying to decide which spiritual gifts you have: instead, ask God to help you build others up and then do it – then the Spirit will help you use the gifts you have.

- **What is going on in your life right now that you could use the encouragement of the brothers and sisters around the room in as you walk through it?**
- **What is another context in your life where the Lord has called you to use your spiritual gift(s) to encourage?**

(Point IV: Purposeful in Mission)

4. Consider verse 15: **What would people around you say you are eager for right now? Who are you eager to share the gospel with? How is it going with doing that in the relationship(s) that come to mind?**

(Point II: Prayerful for Breakthrough)

- **Spend time in prayer for one another.**