

# The Facilitator

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Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

9/30/18

**Text: Romans 12: 1,9, 15-16 (ESV)**

**Title: Love and Humility**

**Teacher: Drew Bennett**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

*Drew Bennett, Pastor of Redeemer City Church in Winter Haven, took us one more time through Roman 12 as we looked at the marks of the Christian faith in love and humility. As Drew said, when we grow in our faith in the gospel, we will inevitably grow in living out the gospel in genuine love and humility toward one another. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. However, in our brokenness, rather than being filled with humility and love for the other person, too often we are filled only with ourselves. Rather than love for the other person, I feel envy toward their success and joy, or I insulate myself from their sadness. The beauty of the gospel that allows us to love humbly and empty ourselves of self-love, is that Jesus himself already did it for us. Rather than being filled with himself, he emptied himself and became a servant of all. He became a man of sorrows, experiencing both our joy and our deepest grief, and it is through his mind and his spirit, that we are freed to love humbly as he did.*

## **Reflection Questions:**

- Drew said, true love is setting our happiness in the joy of another person. As the body of Christ, nothing can happen to one of us that doesn't happen to all of us. When one of us weeps, we all weep, and when one of us rejoices, we all rejoice.*
  - How have you seen true Christian love expressed in the church?**
  - Who are the people you call when you need someone to weep with you? Why?**
  - Who are the people you call when you need someone to rejoice with you? Why?**
- Contrary to a love that's filled with other people, in our brokenness when someone weeps, we will seek to insulate ourselves, and when someone rejoices, we will feel envy; all because we are filled with love for ourselves rather than love for the other.*
  - How have you experienced a failure to rejoice or weep?**
  - What keeps you from entering into other peoples' pain and suffering?**
  - What keeps you from entering into other peoples' success and rejoicing?**
  - How would being filled with the mind of Christ free you to give true love and humility?**

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## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:**

### **A.C.T.S.**

*(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving Thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)*

**1. ADORATION** *(The Father)*

***Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions***

**2. CONFESSION** *(Me)*

***Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited***

**3. THANKSGIVING** *(Jesus)*

***Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)***

**4. SUPPLICATION** *(Holy Spirit)*

***Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways***

**5. Prepare for Gospel Community** *(My Neighbor)*

***Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.***

### **Prayer Items**

- 1. Adore God. He is close to the broken-hearted. His heart is soft towards us in all our sadness.*
- 2. Confess the ways you insulate your life from the pain of others - not weeping when they weep. Also, do you ever resent the successes of others - not rejoicing when they rejoice?*
- 3. Give thanks for Jesus. His incarnation is an act of cosmos-rearranging humility.*
- 4. Ask the spirit to give you the mind of Christ (Phil 2:5).*
- 5. Pray for Community Groups - that they would become places of empathy and humility.*