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Weekly Bible Study

ROMANS 12 | Romans 12:1, 9-21

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Intro Discussion:

Paul wrote Romans around 57 A.D. while in Corinth. He had never been to the city before, but wrote this letter to the church there. Romans is rich in Paul's theology about the Gospel — and in how the Gospel should transform our lives.

What is a sacrifice? What types of sacrifices do we make in our lives? What would a sacrifice have meant to people of the Bible?

Paul's Appeal to Christians

Read Romans 12:1

- What is an "appeal"? Who is Paul appealing to? What is Paul's aim in writing this verse?
- What does Paul mean by "the mercies of God"?
- What kind of sacrifice are Christians called to and what does that mean?
- In light of God's mercy, should the appeal to be a living sacrifice easy or difficult? Why?

A Life Marked by Love

Read Romans 12:9-13

- What is the first instruction in these verses? Why do you think love is the first one?
- How does the way we love point people to Jesus? (Read John 13:35.)
- Which of the other instructions in verses 9-13 stand out to you? Which seems the easiest? Which seems the most difficult? Why?
- How does verse 1 inform verses 9-13?
- How can we know what a life of genuine love looks like?

A Life Marked by Humility

Read Romans 12:14-21

- Do any of these instructions come naturally to you? Can a prideful, selfish, or self-centered person live out the instructions in these verses?
- How necessary is an attitude of humility in living out these instructions?
- Look at verse 15, for example. Why wouldn't you rejoice or weep with someone? What does it require in us to do these things? (*Humility.*)
- Does humility play a role in the rest of these instructions? If so, how?
- How does verse 1 inform verses 14-21?
- How can we know what a life of genuine humility looks like?

Conclusion

- What is the Christian's motivation for living in the ways described in Romans 12?
- Does living in this way play a role in being on mission? How?

Mission Focus

What are some practical ways you can interact with people in love and humility? Is there someone in your life that you can interact with differently based on these Scriptures so that they might know Jesus?

Kids Study

Read Romans 12:9-13.

Ask:

- Which instructions in these verses stand out to you?
- How do these verses remind you of Jesus?
- How would loving people help you be able to share Jesus with someone?
- What are some ways we can love people?

Activity: *Grow in Love Flower.* Let the kids color each petal, cut out the petals and leaves, stack and punch a hole at the bottom of each petal, put a pipe cleaner stem through the petals hole a little ways and create a center of the flower by twisting into a spiral, add leaves. (See template.)