



Sunday, March 24, 2019
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SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to _____, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR ROMANS 12:15-16

1. In what way, if any, did the Spirit speak to you directly through Romans 12:15-16 or one of the supporting verses? Did He encourage you in some way or convict you in some way? If so, how?
2. What is the difference between sympathizing with others and empathizing with them? Which does Jesus do for us? How do you know this?
3. Who is someone who empathized with you/your family during a difficult season? How did God use them in your life?
4. Who is someone who empathized with you in a season of joy without any hint of jealousy?
5. Is there anyone with whom you are tempted to rejoice when they are weeping and to weep when they are rejoicing? If so, what's brought you to this point in your relationship with them? How can God help you to have the proper responses to their situations?
6. When is a time you've wept with someone or rejoiced with someone and God used it to advance His gospel to them?
7. Do you think there is anyone who would not want to fellowship with Jesus or with Hebron because of the way you've treated them?
8. How would you counsel someone you're discipling who seems to be argumentative or disagreeable and who seems to struggle to live in harmony with others?
9. What causes those who've received a lot of grace to extend little of it to others?
10. If you were honest, is there anyone or anything that you view as "beneath you" as a believer? How often do you associate with those who are in lower socio-economic categories than you?
11. Why should we be willing to serve the Lord in any way He calls us to serve Him? Are there any ways in which you hope He never asks you to serve or anyone to whom you lack a desire to serve?
12. Why do you think the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to place three warnings in Romans 12 against arrogance and pride in our lives (12:3 and twice in 12:16)?
13. In what, if any ways, do you struggle with humility?
14. When is the last time you wanted to hang out with someone who was convinced of their own greatness? Is there any way our haughtiness is keeping people from the gospel?



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15. Paul's point in all of these responses is not just that we will "fit in" with other people in our community and be model citizens, but more so that we will model our heavenly citizenship. Our blessing those who persecute us, our weeping with those who weep, our rejoicing with those who rejoice, our striving to live in harmony with others, our willingness to associate with those others forsake, and our fight against arrogance in our lives is ultimately for the purposes of advancing the gospel in and through us. How is this going in your life?
16. In light of Romans 12:15-16, what is one specific action you need to take this week?

APPLICATION

This week, by God's grace and in His power, we will _____.