



CHILDREN'S ministry

Sunday, March 24, 2019
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR ROMANS 12:15-16

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.” (ESV)

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 does sympathize and empathize mean?

Sympathize - pity, be sorry for, show compassion.

Empathize - feeling what another feels, togetherness.

3. What is the difference between sympathizing with others and empathizing with them? Which does Jesus do for us? How do you know this?
4. Who is someone who empathized with you/your family during a difficult season? How did God use them in your life?
5. Who is someone who empathized with you in a season of joy without any hint of jealousy?
6. Is there anyone with whom you are tempted to be sad when they are happy and be happy when they are sad? 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?
7. When is a time you've wept with someone or rejoiced with someone and God used it to advance His gospel to them?
8. Do you think there is anyone who would not want to come to church or learn about God because of the way you've treated them?
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 that you view as “not good enough” to hang out with you? Why do you think they may be “not good enough” for some?
11. Why should we be willing to serve the Lord in any way He calls us to serve Him? Are some people harder to serve than others? Why?



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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. What is humility?

Humility – treating others higher than you treat yourself.

14. In what, if any ways, do you struggle with humility?
15. When is the last time you wanted to hang out with someone who believed they were better than everyone else? Is there any way our haughtiness is keeping people from the gospel/God/church?

Haughtiness – believing that you are better than others. Arrogance, pride, boastfulness.

16. 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 what God wants us to be. 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?
17. In light of Romans 12:15-16, what is one specific action you need to take this week?