



Sermon Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Gospel Doctrine Creates Gospel Culture // Authentic Love is not merely a warm feeling but an overcoming force.

In Romans 12:9-21, Paul unpacks what it looks like when the gospel has truly renewed a person from the inside out, not merely their behavior, but their mind, heart, and will. A transformed mind is marked by sincere, unhyprocritical love that clings to what is good, serves with zeal, endures with joy, and actively meets the needs of fellow believers. A transformed heart moves outward, blessing those who oppose, sharing deeply and emotionally with others, and choosing humility over the honor-chasing that defined the surrounding Greco-Roman world. A transformed will refuses to retaliate, trusts God as the only righteous judge, and responds to enemies not with vengeance but with active, costly goodness. The passage generally reveals and develops the marks of a gospel community inward (vv. 9-13) to the marks of a gospel witness outward (vv. 14-21), showing that the same genuine love which holds believers together is the love that disarms and pursues the hostile world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (A*) = A MORE APPLICATION-ORIENTED QUESTION)

Intro:

- What flavor of ice cream is your favorite? What brand? When was the last time you had it?

Read Romans 12:9-21

1. Work through the verses, pausing at each command to highlight and discuss the following 3 questions of each:
 - a. What does this command mean?
 - b. How does this differ from being "conformed to the world" (12:2)
 - c. Where/How do we see Jesus living this way and loving us this way?
2. (A*) Take a moment to encourage one another - who in your group have you seen doing 1 of these commands well? Tell them and thank the Lord for them!
3. (A*) For you, which 1-2 of these commands do you sense that the Lord desires to grow you in the most?
 - a. (A*) For you, why is this particular command difficult? What aspects of this command or what circumstances make following this command tough?
4. (A*) Is there someone in your life right now that you are finding very difficult to love?
 - a. Your lack of love toward them - does it say more about them being un-loveable, or does it say more about you being unloving?
5. (A*) What would it look like to intentionally and prayerfully study and reflect on how God in Christ has treated you this way?