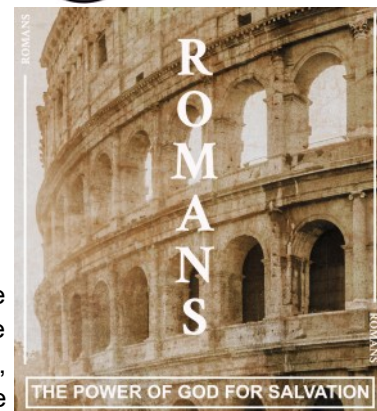


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Romans



“Humbled to Belong”

Romans 12:3-8

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Where to Begin & What to Do?

“I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly” - Vs. 3

How To See & What to Change?

“For as in one body we have...” – vs. 4

Four Questions:

- Am I discounting the Body (4a)?
- Am I dismissing *different* parts (4b)?
- Am I forgetting the Head (5)?
- Am I neglecting my part (6-8)?

Grace to Belong

Small Group Discussion Guide

Humbled to Belong

Romans 12:3-8

Ice-Breaker - *"If you had to be one body part for a day, which would you be—and why?"*

The Big Idea

Humility isn't thinking less of yourself—it's thinking of yourself less (C.S. Lewis). Pride isolates; grace connects. God's design for His people is not independence but *interdependence*. You belong to the body, not just the Head.

Getting Started (*Read Romans 12:3-8*)

Paul says, *'Don't think more highly of yourself than you ought but think with sober judgment.'* How does our culture's "self-esteem obsession" contrast with Paul's view of humility? Discuss some of the points made on Sunday about how pride can masquerade as self-pity or self-loathing.

Digging Deeper - Are we thinking of ourselves *more highly than we should*? Here are four questions to help us answer this:

1. **Am I a body part discounting *the body*?** Vs. 4a. *"We have many members in one body..."*

- *Why* does pride make someone think they can grow without meaningful attachment to other believers?
- What are ways Christians today might be "hanging on by the skin" rather than deeply connected?
- Share one example of a relationship or ministry connection that has helped you grow spiritually?

2. Am I a body part dismissing *different* parts? Vs. 4b, *“The members do not all have the same function.”*

- How does pride (and even insecurity) make us avoid those who are different? And Why?
- Can you think of a Christian who’s very different from you, yet has shaped your faith in a meaningful way?

3. Am I a body part forgetting the Head? Vs. 5, *“We, though many, are one body in Christ...”*

- In what ways can our personal convictions or passions take the place of Jesus as “the head,” and why does that reveal we’re thinking of ourselves more highly than we should?
- How does keeping Christ as the Head create unity amid diversity?

4. Am I a body part neglecting my part? Vss.6-8 – *“Having gifts that differ according to grace...”*

- Can you think of a body part that doesn’t exist to serve (in some way) another body part? Talk through parts and how they exist for others? What’s the lesson for us?
- Go through Paul’s sample list. Which “grace gift” in this passage do you most identify with—or sense you may need to develop?

Making It Real

Our gifts come from grace. *How do we get grace and how should this change our perspective about our part in Christ’s body?* Pray for a grace-filled perspective about the body of Christ and ways you can serve others more intentionally

Resources

Romans: Righteousness from Heaven | R. Kent Hughes

www.blueletterbible.org ; www.biblehub.com ; www.preceptaustin.org