

HOW THE GOSPEL AFFECTS CHURCH LIFE

ROMANS 12:3-8

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I. IT FOSTERS HUMILITY

Romans 12:3 - "For 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."

A. Pride is dangerous to the church

B. Fight pride with...

1. Sober judgement of yourself
2. An accurate standard of measurement

C. Measuring ourselves correctly allows us to see the importance of the church

II. IT CREATES UNITY

Romans 12:4-5 - "For 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."

A. Illustration of the body = Diverse unity

1. Diversity = many members with different functions
 - This means we need each other
2. Unifying factor is our goal = The Gospel
 - Churches that are not unified under the right thing will divide under the wrong things

B. Unity means we belong to one another in the Body

III. IT MOTIVATES SERVICE

Romans 12:6-8 - "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;⁸ the 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."

A. Thoughts on gifts...

1. Every single gift mentioned benefits someone else
2. Everyone has a gift
3. Our gifts differ from others, but benefit the church

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing from the message this week that stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why is pride so dangerous to church life? How can pride damage relationships in the church?
3. There are many standards upon which we measure ourselves. Why is God's measurement of us the best measurement? What tools does God give us to aid us in properly seeing ourselves according to His standard?
4. Have you ever struggled with comparing your gifts to someone else's? How did that affect your desire/ability to serve in the church?
5. Instead of competing with our giftedness...what are some ways the church and its ministries can celebrate the diversity of gifts?
6. Paul describes the church as "members of one another". What do you think this means? How should a community group exemplify this statement?
7. Paul tells us that serving in the church is evidence of transformation. What are some reasons that people give for not serving in the church? How has serving in the church helped you see where you are uniquely gifted?
8. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you want to live out? How can the group assist you in doing that?