

**LifeGroup Study Sheet**Sept 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2026: Romans 12:3-8

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

**Quick Review**

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

**Introduction**

If you could instantly gain one skill or talent with no practice required, what would you pick? What's the first thing you'd do with it?

**Digging In**

**Question 1: Read Romans 12:3. "I am called to be humble, not haughty."** Paul addresses humility before he ever mentions a single spiritual gift. Why do you think a proper attitude has to come before we start talking about our gifts and abilities? What tends to happen when someone exercises a gift without humility?

Paul calls us to 'think soberly' about ourselves, an accurate, level-headed view, not an inflated or deflated one. What does a healthy, sober view of yourself look like in practice? How is that different from just having low self-esteem? "God has assigned a measure of faith," meaning our capacity and gifting are themselves a gift, not something we achieved. How does realizing that your gifts are given, not earned, change the way you feel about comparing yourself to others?

**Question 2: Read Romans 12:4-5. "I am called to unity, not uniformity."** Paul insists the body needs many kinds of parts, not identical ones. Why do you think God designed the church with so much diversity of gifts instead of making everyone the same? What would a church made up of only one type of gift look like, and why would it fail?

Paul writes that the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of thee' (**1 Corinthians 12:21**). When have you been tempted to think you don't really need someone else in the church? Or that someone else doesn't really need you? How does this passage challenge that kind of independent, self-sufficient thinking?

What would it look like for our LifeGroup to feel each other's pain and joy this way, rather than just politely coexisting?

**Question 3: Read Romans 12:6-8. "A am called to contribute, not consume."** Paul lists several very different gifts: prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, and showing mercy. This calls each person to actually use theirs. Which of these do you see in yourself, or which one has someone else pointed out in you? If you're not sure, what has been getting in the way of figuring that out?

It's often said that roughly 20% of a church's people do about 80% of the serving. Why do you think so few people step into using their gifts, even when most agree they should? What tends to hold people back? Fear, busyness, feeling unqualified, something else?

Paul says to give “with simplicity, lead with diligence,” and show mercy “with cheerfulness.” the heart behind the gift matters as much as the gift itself. What's one specific, doable way you could move from being a consumer to a contributor in this LifeGroup or your church this month?

### Take it Home

1. God never intended the church to be a 'spectator sport'
2. My lack of information is no excuse for my lack of involvement
3. The spiritual gift God gave me is not for me

### Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

**Adoration** – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

**Confession** – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving** – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

**Supplication** – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?