LifeGroup Study Sheet

Oct 1st and 4th: Romans 12:9-21

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 have one 'superpower' for just one day, flight, invisibility, super strength, reading minds, which would you pick? What's the first (harmless) thing you'd do with it?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 12:9-10. We are to be Genuine in our Love. Paul says, "Let love be genuine." This is translated literally, without a mask or an act. What does fake or performative love look like in life? Have you ever been on the receiving end of real, unhypocritical love, or the imitation version?

The Apostle John ties genuine love directly to knowing God: "anyone who does not love does not know God." **1 John 4:8.** And even to the assurance of having passed from death to life, **1 John 3:14.** Why would love for other believers be such a strong piece of evidence of real faith, rather than just a nice personality trait?

Paul pairs genuine love with hating what is evil and holding fast to what is good (v.9). Love has real moral conviction, not just warm feelings. How do you hold both of those together? How do you love people well without becoming either judgmental or a pushover?

Question 2: Read Romans 12:3. We are to be humble in our Relationships. Paul calls us to "associate with the lowly" and to never be "wise in our own sight" (v.16). Who are the "lowly" in your world? People who are easy to overlook, dismiss, or avoid? What would it look like to intentionally associate with them instead?

Philippians 2:3 calls us to "count others more significant than yourselves." Is that realistic in competitive environments like work, school, or even other places? What might genuine humility look like practically, without becoming a doormat who never has needs or opinions of their own?

Question 3: Read Romans 12:11. We are to be passionate in our Service. Paul links real zeal and fervency directly to serving the Lord. What's the difference between serving out of obligation or duty versus serving with genuine passion? Which one is more common in your own life right now, if you're honest?

Paul warns against being "slothful," spiritually lazy or slack. What tends to drain your passion for serving God over time? What has helped reignite it when that's happened?

Question 4: Read Romans 12:12. We are to be faithful in our Trials. Paul links three things together: rejoicing in hope, being patient in tribulation, and staying constant in prayer. Why do you think these three go together? How does prayer help sustain patience in hard seasons, and how does hope make it possible to rejoice even in the middle of them?

Think of a trial you're facing now, or one you've walked through before, where staying faithful felt genuinely hard. What helped you keep going? What do you need right now to keep going?

Take it Home

1. What legacy are you leaving for the next generation?

2. God has not called me to live a "super" life, but a "supernatural life".

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?