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Go around and let everyone answer...

What practical advice would you give to someone who wants to learn how to get along with others better?

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The Apostle Paul opens Romans 12 encouraging you to worship well by offering yourself as a sacrifice, or by putting aside your own desires.

Read Romans 12:3-5 and look for how he says to put this into practice.

"... I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us..." (New Living Translation)

In what ways can you tell if people think too highly of themselves?

Why is it difficult for people focused on self to worship in a meaningful way?

What is the reason Paul gave the illustration of the church being like a human body with many parts? How does this illustration help you think about yourself in a more balanced way?

What exactly does it mean to "belong to each other" (12:5)?

Read Romans 12:9-10.

"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other." (New Living Translation)

Describe the difference in pretend love and real love.

What barriers keep people in churches from loving each other genuinely?

When have you felt pleasure or delight by showing honor to other believers?

APPLY

Help people in your group learn to honor others by telling about situations in which someone honored you.

-GLR



Leaders

Sermon Series

This discussion guide comes from the current lesson in a series called "One Another." It is a challenge to imitate Christ in the way we treat one another as fellow human beings.

Big Idea

The lesson this week focuses on how to honor one another. Encourage group participants to practice honoring others as instructed in Romans 12.

Prayer

Pray for individuals who do not feel loved, accepted or honored. Ask God to show you people like this who can be invited to come to your group.

Group Discussion Reminder

It is fascinating to notice how groups tend to go through life cycles. Personal responsibilities and schedules of every individual are subject to change. Give people the freedom to move to another group if life circumstances make it necessary. Also, seek ways to renew or rejuvenate your group with special activities, or with new people participating.