

Small Group Bible Study: Caring for One Another in the Church Community

Scripture: Romans 12:1–21

Opening Reflection

1. When you think about “church,” what words or images come to mind?
 2. How do you see care being expressed (or lacking) in your own church community?
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Read Romans 12:1–2 — A Life of Worship

3. Paul begins this chapter by calling believers to offer their bodies as a “living sacrifice.”
 - What do you think it means to live as a “living sacrifice” in your daily relationships?
 4. How might being “transformed by the renewing of your mind” affect the way you care for others in the church?
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Read Romans 12:3–8 — The Body of Christ

5. Paul warns against thinking “more highly” of ourselves than we should.
 - How does humility strengthen a community of care?
 6. Paul describes the church as one body with many members.
 - What does this image teach us about how we depend on and care for one another?
 7. Which of the gifts listed (serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy, etc.) do you see most clearly in your group or congregation?
 - How can these gifts be used to build up and care for others?
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Read Romans 12:9–13 — Genuine Love and Hospitality

8. Paul gives several rapid-fire commands about love, devotion, zeal, and hospitality.
 - Which of these stands out to you most, and why?
9. Verse 10 says, “Be devoted to one another in love.”
 - What does genuine devotion look like in a church setting today?
10. Verse 13 says, “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”
 - What are practical ways we can live this out in our church family?

Read Romans 12:14–21 — Overcoming Evil with Good

11. How do verses 14–16 challenge the way we usually respond to conflict or hurt within the church?
12. “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”
 - How can we become a community that truly shares one another’s joys and sorrows?
13. What does it mean to “live in harmony with one another”?
 - What gets in the way of this in real church life?
14. Verses 17–21 talk about overcoming evil with good.
 - How might this apply to situations where relationships in the church have been damaged or strained?

Closing Reflection & Prayer

15. What is one relationship or situation in your church where God might be calling you to show deeper care or forgiveness?
16. How can your small group become a living example of the love described in Romans 12?

Prayer Focus:

Ask God to renew your minds and hearts so your group and your church might be a community marked by humility, service, compassion, and genuine love.
