

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 23, 2014

Passage: Romans 12:9-16

Memory Passage: Romans 12:9

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 12:9-16.** What is the difference between love that is “genuine” (or “without hypocrisy”) and love that is not?
- (b) How do you discern what is the evil you must hate? Are you being commanded to hate evildoers as well, and if not, how do you hate the evil without abhorring the person doing the evil?
- (c) Explain the process of “hold(ing) fast to what is good.”
- (d) Explain the difference between loving one another with “genuine love” (v. 9) and “brotherly affection” (v. 10).

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 12:9-16.** How do you “show honor” to another person, and what does the command to “outdo one another in showing honor” tell us about our commitment to doing it?
- (b) What does the phrase “slothful in zeal” mean, and how do we avoid being this way?
- (c) Is Paul asking us to be fervent (lit. “burning”) in spirit or Spirit? How do you know, and how does this contrast with being slothful in zeal?
- (d) How does “serve the Lord” connect with this list of exhortations?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 12:9-16.** How are “rejoicing” and “hope” connected, and why are we to “rejoice in hope?”
- (b) Why is patience needed in tribulation, why is it difficult, and what benefit is it to you to “be patient in tribulation?”
- (c) Paul teaches often about the need for constant prayer: Write down 3 practical encouragements that you would give to someone who comes to you asking how they might overcome a lack of consistent prayer.
- (d) How are these 3 exhortations in v. 12 intertwined as they are carried out?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 12:9-16.** In what ways do you regularly obey Paul’s command to “contribute to the needs of the saints” and how do you discern how to act wisely in this area?
- (b) Write down at least 3 ways you do (or should) show hospitality to others (the command is lit. “pursue hospitality”)?
- (c) Think of a situation in which you have been persecuted and you “cursed” instead of “blessed.” How would you react differently in the same or similar situation in the future that would reflect obedience to Paul’s (and Jesus’!) command?
- (d) Why do we need to be commanded to “rejoice with those who rejoice” and “weep with those who weep?” Which is easier for you to do and why?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 12:9-16.** What factors challenge or inhibit you from being able to “live in harmony” with other believers?
- (b) Who are “the lowly” and why would you be tempted to not associate with them? In what ways would a church who obeyed this command be strengthened? In what ways would the Bible Church be strengthened?
- (c) In what ways are you tempted to be “haughty in your own site,” and how do you (or should you) mortify this sin? Be very practical because when you discuss this question you might be of great encouragement to others who are struggling with pride.
- (d) With which commands in 12:9-16 do you struggle most, and with which do you think the body at BCC struggles most?

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### *Love Looks Like This (Part I)*

*In Romans 12:9-16 Paul begins a list of commands in which he details the life of a true believer.*