



LOVE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY

Life Group Study -- Week of November 17, 2019

Memorize.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil. Hold fast to what is good.

Romans 12:9

Open. As a child, who was the troublemaker in your family? Who was the peacemaker?

Study. Read Romans 12:9-16

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions did it raise for you, if any?

In verse 9, Paul calls us to love that is genuine (literally, "*without hypocrisy*"). In order to love in the manner to which the Holy Spirit calls us, what do we need to hate? Why?

What would the family of God look like if everyone was trying to outdo one another in showing honor?

It has been observed that, in most organizations, 20% of the people do 80% of the work, and 80% do the other 20%. Does this principle apply to the church? Why or why not?

What makes the difference between those who drag their feet, and those who are eager to serve? Explain your answer.

- It's just human nature
- It's a leadership matter
- It's a spiritual matter

What resources does Paul point to in verse 12 for enduring in times of trouble? How are they accessed and applied from one believer to another?

Why are generosity and active hospitality essential dynamics in the Christian life and the Christian community? How do each of them reflect the sacrificed life and renewed mind to which Paul called us in verses 1-2?

In what specific ways would a considered commitment to the command of verse 14 reshape our relationships in the community of believers? What would it require of us individually?

What fundamental decisions must be made if we are to fully and honestly "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep"?

In order to learn to live together in harmony, what is required of believers in a Christian community that is diverse racially, ethnically, educationally, politically, socio-economically and otherwise?

Which aspects of genuine love come most easily for you? Which challenge you most? How will you commit to growth in them?

What questions or dilemmas are you left with at the close of this discussion? How do you want to respond to what we have discussed?

You're praying. Now is the time to share the gospel with your

