

**Life Together Group Questions**  
**September 20, 2015**  
**Romans 12:3-21**

1. Why did Paul warn against “thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought”? (vs.3)
2. Does that ever happen to you? If so what are the factors that contribute to thinking like that?
3. How might the thought of “grace given to” you move you toward “sober judgment”?
4. When you think of the Church, of Jesus’ people, do you often think of the relationship we have being a body? If not why not? If so what are the blessings of such a connection, and the challenges? (vss.4-5)
5. What are some of the diverse gifts, abilities and functions that you appreciate in other body members?
6. Are there some whose gifts and temperaments sometimes cause us to find ourselves in conflict with these body members? How can these conflicts be resolved?
7. As you read through the list of gifts found in vss. 6-9 do you find yourself identifying with any of these gifts? What do you think the gifts are that God has given you? (see 1Cor 12:8-10,28; Eph.4:11)
8. How willing have you been to offer your gifts for use and employment in the Body of Christ?
9. Notice the subtle shift in using your gifts with the right heart: giving – generously; leading-zeal; mercy showing- cheerfully. How important is the heart in the use of our gifts?
10. Are there some gifts we can grow or develop, like encouraging or giving, even teaching or leadership?
11. How does knowing your gifting help you serve the Body?
12. As you read through vss 9-21, how do these commands strike you?
13. Do you see this kind of love, challenge, devotion and honor described taking place in the church? (vss.9-10)
14. How could we move toward this kind of love?
15. As you read through the characteristics listed in vss 11-18 which one do you need the most from the Body? Which one are you in a place to offer?
16. As you read vss. 17-21 how do you react? What wars within us to have such a response toward those who have hurt or injured us?
17. What are the redemptive affects of obeying this challenging section of scripture?
18. How do we even go about doing any of these things? What connection do you see between these commands and offering ourselves as “Living Sacrifices”? (vs.1)
19. What is one thing you want to pursue and trust God to do in you in light of this passage?

**SERMON OUTLINE:**

- Body Realization (vss.3-6a)
- Body Participation (vss.6b-8)
- Body Incarnation (vss.9-21)