

Mercy and Mission Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What's one good thing that you experienced over the past week?
2. Who is one person outside of your family who has had a significant influence on you? Explain.

Read the following passage: Romans 12:1-8.

In Romans 12:1, Paul implicitly describes his presentation of the gospel as an unveiling of God's mercy. God's mercy displayed in the gospel enables us to walk in the purpose God has give to his people, the church.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. How would you summarize the gospel Paul articulates in the first eleven chapters of Romans? What are some key verses in these chapters?
2. How does God's mercy help us think about ourselves with "sober judgment?" In what areas are you prone to think about yourself more highly than you ought? In what areas are you prone to think too little of yourself? Explain.
3. How does God's mercy help us walk with other people?
4. In what sense does it require faith to exercise the gifts God gives to us? Are you making an effort to exercise the gifts God has given to you? Explain.
5. What are some of the implications of Paul's statement "each member belongs to all the others?" Are you participating in the body of Christ in an interdependent way? How are you relying on others, and what are you doing to strengthen those around you?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1. Are there any gifts of the Spirit you eagerly desire? Explain.
7. Read Acts 19:1-7. Has anyone ever prayed for you to be empowered by the Holy Spirit? If so, what happened?
8. What is one way you can participate in the mission God has given to the church?

Pray