

Life Group Homework

Entrusted

Fall 2024 | Week 8

Message Date 11/3/2024

MY STORY

- 1) What was your favorite treat or snack as a child? Has that changed now that you're an adult, if so to what?
- 2) What would the title of your autobiography be?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Romans 12:3-21 (NLT)

³ Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. ⁴ Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵ so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

⁶ In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony

with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

²⁰ Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."

²¹ Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

- 4) In verse three, what do you think Paul means when he says *measure yourselves by the faith God has given you*? Why is this?
- 5) How does understanding that God has entrusted us with faith help us keep a balanced view of ourselves?
- 6) Why is it important to recognize that we are "many parts of one body" (v.5) in living out our faith?
- 7) What does it look like to "hold tightly to what is good" (v.9) in the way we live out our faith daily?
- 8) What role does patience, hope, and prayer (v.12) play as boundaries that keep our faith focused on God rather than our circumstances?
- 9) According to this passage, what are we supposed to do with those who do wrong to us? Do you find this easy to do or difficult to do, and how can we actually put it into practice?
- 10) In what area of your life can you practice a specific boundary from this passage to honor the faith God has entrusted to you this week?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Think and pray through the following:

- 1) Read Romans 12 again and ask God if there is something that you are missing from the list that Paul provides.
- 2) Is there a shift in your attitude and behavior that God needs to make in you?
- 3) Who does God want you to encourage this week with these words?