

Harmony

Perry Duggar June 7, 2020

Outline

Live in harmony with each other....

Romans 12:6 (NLT)

Heal divisions by...

(Romans 12:9-21)

1. Expressing ______. (Romans 12:9-10. C/R: John 13:35; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; 1 John 3:14; 4:19-21) 3. Exhibiting ______. (Romans 12:14-16. C/R: Romans 15:5; Philippians 2:1-4; Colossians 3:12; James 2:1-4,9)

4. Eliminating ______. (Romans 12:17-21. C/R: Matthew 5:44-48; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Hebrews 10:30; 1 Peter 3:8-9)

2. Extending

(Romans 12:11-13. C/R: Mark 12:30-31; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 6:17-18; 1 John 3:17-19)

Answers: 1. love 2. assistance 3. humility 4. revenge

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Opening in Prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you felt God's love.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read <u>Romans 12:9-21</u>.

- 1. Living in harmony is very important to God. As you read this passage, make a list of several commands God has given us, and think of a practical example of what each one looks like.
- 2. In what ways have you seen love expressed over the last few months?
- 3. What are examples of hatred you've seen or experienced over the last few months?
- 4. How does rejoicing in confident hope help us love others?
- 5. This passage is God's solution for division, and provides specific examples of how we are to live. Can you identify ways (big or small) you've fallen short in following God's instruction? Give examples.

- 6. In what ways, if any, have you been skeptical or judgmental of people with different backgrounds and opinions? *Be honest!*
- Many people think if we love someone, we must accept and approve of everything they do, but that's not what the Bible teaches (<u>Acts 20:28-30</u>; <u>2 Corinthians 6:7</u>; <u>Ephesians 6:14</u>; <u>1 Thessalonians 2:15</u>; <u>2 Timothy 2:25</u>). So what does it look like to really love another person we disagree with?
- 8. If everyone at Brookwood carried out the commands given in the passage like you've been doing, what would we experience together?
- 9. What steps could you take to apply this passage to your life this week?

Soul Training

Each day this week, pray for healing and reconciliation in our country, our community and our church. Ask God to tell you how He loves you so you can express love to others.

Memory Verse

Live in harmony with each other. ...

Romans 12:16 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: <u>1 Corinthians 13:4-8</u>	Day 4: <u>Romans 12:9-21</u>
Day 2: <u>Psalm 119:9-16</u>	Day 5: Psalm 119:41-48
Day 3: <u>1 John 3:18-24</u>	

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 14, we'll conclude our series in Ruth, *Harvesting a Life of Hope*. To prepare for the message, read <u>Ruth 4</u>.



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