

The Fellowship of the Gospel (A Series on Romans 12-16)

“3 ways to Love Sincerely”

Romans 12:9-21

4. Read Romans 12:9-16. How are we called to love, and what barriers exist in loving in this way?

5. How can we be a community and church that pushes us to love others sincerely?

6. How are we tempted to have a world perspective on love rather than a kingdom perspective?

7. How can our group practice a kingdom perspective?

3 Ways to Love Sincerely:

1. Start with _____.

Romans 12:1

1 John 4:7-12

“There are two ways to live the Christian life. You can live it either for the heart of Christ or from the heart of Christ. You can live for the smile of God or from it. For a new identity as a son or daughter of God or from it. -Dane Ortland, Gentle and Lowly

2. Model _____.

Romans 12:9-16

How Jesus modeled love with others:

- Jesus _____ others. (12:10)
- Jesus _____ with others. (12:13)
- Jesus _____ others. (12:15)
- Jesus _____ with others. (12:16)

3. Practice _____.

Romans 12:14, 17-21

We need to be willing to _____ in the short term for a larger and greater prize.

The _____ on love will not only look and feel strange to the world, but it will look and feel strange to you.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. In which ways can our love be temperamental or wishy-washy?

3. Read 1 John 4:7-12. How is living from love, not for love, portrayed in this passage?