

## Pray Together

**Use the first few minutes of your time together to lead your group in a focused prayer time.**

- **Praise:** Spend time praising God for who He is.
- **Repent:** Take a few moments to silently confess any sin that is lingering in your heart.
- **Ask:** Verbalize your needs and the needs of others to God.
- **Yield:** Surrender your will to God.

## Read Together

Romans 12 is a turning point in Paul's letter to the church in Rome. Paul has been systematically outlining the hope that we have in Christ and passionately calling his audience to respond in faith. As chapter 12 begins, his focus now shifts from Gospel belief to Gospel application. Paul calls his audience to faithfully live a Gospel-centered life. One commentator refers to the "second half" of Romans as "The Ethical Outworking of The Gospel" in the lives of believers.

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

The transformation of sinful man to renewed disciple is accomplished through God's grace given to us. Paul says, renewed disciples who wish to grow in grace must begin by serving the body of Christ according to the measure of faith that God has assigned each of us.

But how do I begin this growth in grace? What is my best contribution to the body of Christ? How can I enjoy using those gifts to glorify God by serving the body of Christ?

## Discuss Together

**Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion.**

- Read Romans 12:3-9. Identify the most significant questions you need to answer to understand its message.
- The Triune God is always the main character of Scripture. What does Romans 12:3-9 teach us about God?
- Knowing what Romans 12:3-9 teaches us about God, what does the passage teach us about humanity?
- In the "second half" of Romans, Paul challenges us to faithfully live out the Gospel. Why might Paul begin his call to action by addressing how disciples engage one another in the Body of Christ (Romans 12:3-5)?
- While not an exhaustive list, Paul identifies seven spiritual gifts God gives to believers (Romans 12:6-8). That list is provided on the next page with a brief definition of each gift. How is faith evidenced in the practice of these gifts?



- Prophesying: Sharing God-given revelations to address specific situations in life
  - Serving: Assisting, supporting, and building up the Body of Christ
  - Teaching: Instructing the Body of Christ about the content of God's Word
  - Exhortation: Calling the Body of Christ to respond with action—to live out—the Word of God
  - Contributing: Sacrificially giving financial contributions
  - Leading: Diligently providing care and oversight
  - Giving Mercy: Joyfully honoring God by showing His love to others
- Do you know your spiritual gifts? If you do, share them with your Life Group and describe how God is currently allowing you to use those gifts to serve the Body of Christ. If you do not know your spiritual gifts, go to **warrenbaptist.org/serve** and take the "Spiritual Gifts Assessment" to learn more about how God may be ready to use you.
  - Warren is a community of believers surrendered to the authority of Jesus Christ and dedicated to advancing the gospel together in our neighborhoods and around the world as we make disciples and multiply disciple-makers. Share how you are using your God-given spiritual gifts to make disciples and multiply disciple-makers. Your honest answer may be "I'm not". If that's the case, what do you need to do to begin making disciples and multiplying disciple-makers?
  - Discuss how various spiritual gifts are being practiced within your Life Group community (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:11-13). Which types of spiritual gifts are particularly strong in your Life Group? How might the church be strengthened if your Life Group multiplied these gifts by launching another Life Group? Which types of spiritual gifts are less prevalent in your Life Group? How might you nurture the practice of these gifts within your Life Group?

## Do Life Together

**These questions are designed to be asked in a smaller group of 2-4 people. The smaller setting will provide better opportunity for authentic responses. In your smaller group time, take notes to help others remain accountable to their answers. Grow together!**

- How is God calling you to "grow up" in Christ this week?
- How can Jesus redeem this area? How has Jesus proven that in Scripture?
- Who will keep you accountable to this commitment this week?

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**Pray through 2 Corinthians 9:8. Pray that God will make all grace abound to you so that you may abound in every good work for His name's sake.**

