

# Romans 12 Discussion Guide

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

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Romans 12:3–8 (ESV): ***Gifts of Grace***

3 For by the ***grace*** given to me I say to ***everyone*** among you ***not to think*** (-) of himself more highly than he ought to think, but ***to think*** (+) with sober judgment, each according to the measure of ***faith*** that **God** has assigned.

4 For ***as in one body*** we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

5 so we, though many, ***are one body in Christ***, and individually members one of another.

6 Having ***gifts*** that differ according to the ***grace*** given to us, ***let us use them***: ***if*** prophecy, in proportion to our ***faith***;

7 ***if*** service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

### **AT A GLANCE, WHAT ARE THESE VERSES TALKING ABOUT:**

Take some time and reflect on the verses

What do you learn about God, about yourself, or about the world?

Is there one verse or thought that stands out to you today?

\_\_\_\_\_ (v.3 not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think)

\_\_\_\_\_ (v.5 are body body in Christ)

\_\_\_\_\_ (v.6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them).

### **KEY: HUMILITY, UNITY, PURPOSE**

NOTE: You don't get to humility without unity and you don't get to unity without purpose.

## **HUMILITY**

Humility considers others better than ourselves. What have you learned from the people God has placed in your life? Name one person that humbles you?

Humility means seeing other's virtues, other's interest, other's needs.

Can you put a name to 'other's'.

Philippians 2:3–4 (ESV): Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.<sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

## **UNITY**

A.W. Tozer writes in *The Pursuit of God*: saying

“Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers [meeting] together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.”

- What does “keeping the main thing, the main thing” look like among followers of Jesus?
- After eleven chapters that describe God's forgiveness, redemption, and indwelling by the Spirit, the text now reveals how our new relationship with Christ gives us a new identity, a new security, and a new and eternal significance. There is security in **unity**. How do you see that played out?
- 1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (ESV):<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**PURPOSE** - If the Nike slogan is JUST DO IT

– the Christian slogan ought to be **USE IT!**

Romans 12:6 (ESV): Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, **let us use them...**

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV): each has received a gift, **use it** to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

**Define “kingdom gifts”**

How can you or how are you using your gift in the lives of other believers?

How can you or how are you using your gift in the lives of your Oikos? Identify your Oikos

How can you or how are you using your gift in the lives of people around the world?

**OTHER RESOURCES** (Links provided at KCC website)

[We though many are one body in Christ- John Piper](#)

[You be You - Chris Brown \(53:48\)](#)