

Foundations of Faith Teaching Series

Questions for Discussion

November 1 Love Must Be Sincere

[9] Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. [10] Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. [11] Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. [12] Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. [13] Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

[14] Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. [16] Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ***Romans 12:9 – 16***

Warm Up

Recap the main points from last week (Romans 12:3 - 8) and ask how people got on with making their contribution and using their gifts.

1 What is one way that someone has shown you sincere love recently?

Unpacking the Passage

2 What do you think sincere love looks like?

3 What do you think it means to honour one another above yourself? What is it like in practice in a church community? Can you think of practical examples?

4 Life can be tough, and we may not feel like following the exhortations Paul gives here. How can we be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer?

5 Hospitality can take many forms. What are some ways we can show hospitality to one another and to those outside of church? Why is it so important?

6 How should we respond to being mistreated? How might we bless someone who opposes us? Any examples?

7 Why do we find it hard sometimes to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn?

8 Why is it so hard to live in harmony? What can we do about it?

Getting Practical

8 Read the passage together slowly. Have a period of silence during which each one picks out one or two of these exhortations which they feel God is challenging them about.

What are they going to do about it? Help them be specific and practical.

And Finally… What are 1 or 2 key things you will take away from this discussion? What has God spoken to you about?