



Richfield Community Church
Life Group Discussion Questions
Sunday, January 29, 2012

Romans 12:9-13

What does it mean?

1. How would you connect 12:3-8 to 9-13?
2. In the context of 12:3-8, what does Paul mean by “love” and what makes it genuine?
3. Again, in this context, what evil is Paul encouraging us to abhor/hate?
4. Paul qualifies the love we ought to show in v.10 with “brotherly affection.” What does this mean?
5. What does Paul mean when he writes to outdo each other in “showing honor”?
6. If slothful means lazy and zeal means passion—what would it look like to be passionate, but lazy?
7. What does Paul mean by being “fervent in spirit”?
8. Is there any significance to the ordering in verse 12? Why does Paul start with hope then move to tribulation and prayer?
9. Why would believers contribute to the needs of the saints?
10. Why does Paul say “seek” to show hospitality? Why not just “show hospitality”?
11. What’s so important about our money (contribute) and our homes (hospitality)?

How does it apply?

1. Have you ever experienced genuine love? What did it look like? Feel like?
2. Have you experienced an increase in your ability to love other believers in the past 3 years? How have you seen this?
3. How has your understanding of Romans 1-11 and God’s love prevented you from becoming “lazy in your zeal”?
4. When was the last opportunity you had to experience “patience in tribulation”? Were you patient? Why?
5. In what ways have you benefited from the love of the brethren in “contribution” or “hospitality”?
6. How might we be able to love others with our “wallets and homes”? Individually and even as a Life Group together?