

Pillars of Christian Discipleship Part 2 - What is Christian Community?

Bulletin

What is Christian Community? (*Romans 12:9-21*)

1. Christian Community is Loving (*Rom 12:9-10; Rom 13:10; Col 3:14*)
2. Christian Community is Selfless (*Rom 12:13,15,16b,18;*)
3. Christian Community is Humble (*Rom 12:3; Rom 12:14,16a,17,19-21; Matt 5:38-42; 2 Tim 2:24-26*)

Why does God call us to live like this? (*Rom 5:6-8, Phil 2:5-11*)

Small Group Questions

1. As you read Romans 12:9–21, which command or phrase stands out to you most right now—and why?
2. How do verses 9–10 shape the way we think about love inside the church compared to love in the world?
3. How would you explain the connection between *personal faith* and *belonging to a community* using Romans 12:9–21?
4. When you hear the word *church*, what do you instinctively think of—and how does that compare with Paul’s vision in Romans 12?

5. What would “outdoing one another in showing honor” look like in the context of your group, family, or workplace?
6. How have you experienced the church caring for you in a season of need—and how did that shape your faith?
7. What kinds of needs do you see most often among people in the church?
8. Where do you most often feel tempted to believe you are “more right” or “more capable” than others?
9. How does Jesus’ example (especially his humility and suffering) redefine what strength looks like for a Christian?
10. In summary, What steps can we take today to become a more humble, selfless and loving follower of Christ?