



DIGGING DEEPER

Romans 12 – People-Focused

PLEASE READ – Romans 12

GETTING STARTED

Go back and read Acts chapter 2v42-47. What do you notice about the focus on ‘people’ in the early church?

How do you think we match up as a fellowship in this area?

THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING (v1)

What is the ‘therefore’ therefore at the beginning of v1? Why is it so important? How does it help us understand how the book of Romans fits together?

Do you dwell on the ‘mercies’ of God enough?

What does it mean to ‘offer your bodies as a living sacrifice’? What are the particular challenges for you?

Does this verse cause you to reconsider how you define worship?

1) TRANSFORMED LIVING – IN THE WORLD (v2)

Paul speaks about transformed living in the positive (be transformed) and the negative (do not conform). Why are both important?

How do both those exhortations challenge you personally?

2) HUMBLE SERVICE – IN THE CHURCH (3-8)

Why does Paul use the picture of a body to help us understand the church? How does this impact the way we think about using our gifts in order to serve one another?

What could humble service in the church look like for you in the year ahead?

3) LOVING ACTION – IN ALL OF LIFE (v9-21)

How is God challenging you in the 3 areas below...

- **Loving** one another
- **Sharing** with one another
- **Living in harmony** with one another

Are there any of the other instructions in v9-21 that are particularly striking / challenging to you?

Make sure you spend some time praying in line with how the Lord has been speaking to you...

Meditate on the words of the Paul below...

Ephesians 4v11-13: So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.