

## Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2016

The Gospel in Life | Living in the World (Rm 12:9-21)

1. Rich opened his message with the difficulty of this list, both in preaching through it and living by it. Why is a list like this one so challenging?
2. In telling the story of Manu, Rich painted a picture of the sincere love that Paul is exhorting here in this passage. Have you recently experienced this kind of illogical sincere love from a “neighbor?”
3. Again, Paul addresses the division in the Church at Rome with these powerful imperatives, what is Paul’s aim with his words? What is he hoping to see happen in the Roman Church and to what end?
4. Rich highlighted Philippians 2:1-11 in order to show Christ’s humility. How is Paul defining the humility we should seek?
5. Rich expressed his desire that we focus, not on checking off the list, but truly working through the evil in our own lives and turning it over to God. Where do you find yourself tolerating (instead of hating) your own sinfulness when it comes to Paul’s list? What are some ways you can begin to hate that evil?
6. How does this passage and those in 1 Peter 2:23, Rm 5:8, and Rm 2:1-4 form a theology of loving sincerely (or Redemption)? What is the heart of God in the face of sinful men and women? What does trusting THE Judge mean for your life right now?
7. For those with children, how might you begin to teach your children about the challenging realities of loving sincerely despite what they might receive? Where is dangerous to apply with children? Where is it dangerous to apply as adults?
8. When and where does the Spirit play a role in all this? How do we begin to allow the Spirit to do the work of God in us?