

dedicated to:

Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 2 Passionate Serving
Romans 12:1-8, 11

Read Romans 12:1-8 and 11 before answering the following questions.

Questions for Study

Introduction

The book of Romans can be divided into two major sections. The first eleven chapters are devoted to explaining the truth about God and the truth about us. Included in these chapters is how it's possible for each one of us to have a relationship with God. They show us that God's holy, just and loving. They also show us our own spiritual need because of our sinfulness, pointing us to God's grace through Jesus Christ.

In the 12th chapter Paul begins applying this truth to our lives. He shows the difference it can and should make in how we think and in what we say and do. The first of those differences is for us to have an eagerness to serve and to do this with passion.

1. Describe yourself in the following areas: (Use the back of this paper or another sheet of paper to complete this. Really give this time and thought. Thanks!)

S Spiritual Gifts

Special abilities given by the Holy Spirit to be used for spiritual purposes. Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12, 14, Ephesians 4:11-16

H Heart

Heart motivated concerns. Heart represents the source of our motivations, our interests, our passions. God put basic motivations, core passions in our life, and He put them differently in different people because He wants us all to do different things, so all gets done.

A Abilities

Natural abilities we were born with.

P Personality

God has given each one of us a unique temperament. A special way of dealing with ideas, events, and people.

E Experiences

There are six kinds of experiences God uses in our lives.

1. Family experiences: What you learned growing up in your family.
2. Educational experiences: What you've been equipped to do through what you've had the opportunity to learn.
3. Vocational experiences: The jobs you've been effective in and enjoyed the most.
4. Spiritual experiences: Your most meaningful times with God.
5. Ministry experiences: How you've served God in the past.
6. Painful experiences: The hard times you've gone through in life.