Life Group Discussion

Based on: Sunday, January 9, 2022 Sermon Title: Live in Harmony with One another. Sermon Series: One Another Sermon Passage: Romans 12:1-21

APPETIZER:

Prayer: Take a moment just to have everyone settle. Have a moment of silence and then ask the Holy Spirit to bring his presence to the discussion, bring comfort to our hearts, and encouragement to our lives.

Scripture: Have a few people read Romans 12:1-21, taking turns reading a few verses each.

Group Discussion: Romans 12 paints a picture of Christian living when it comes to relating with others in the church and outside of the church. What are some encouragements from Paul that resonate with you? Which ones are challenging for you? Which ones stand out to you?

MAIN COURSE:

There are a few "One another" statements in this passage, that are all related: Honour one another, and be devoted to one another are parts of what it means to be in harmony with one another.

Question: Living in harmony with one another (verse 16) is an interesting phrase. What does living in harmony look like to you?

Living in harmony is about being of the same mind. Have someone read 1 Corinthians 1:10.

Question: In light of all the differing perspectives in the Christian community about how to live in today's world, do you think 1 Corinthians 1:10 is possible or is it a pipe dream?

In the sermon, Jeff mentioned that we live in harmony by playing our part in the song. He suggested that the "song" we are all playing or singing is the song of living sacrificially (offering our bodies as living sacrifices... this is our act of worship).

Question: What does it mean to live sacrificially when it comes to playing our role in community? How do you live with one mind while still being creatively who God has called you to be?

DESSERT:

From the passage, Jeff summarized Paul's writings into four different "notes" in order to live in harmony:

- 1. Share your life (v. 13 and 14)
- 2. Deal with your pride (v. 3 and 16)

3. Stifle revenge (v. 14 and 19, and James 4:11)

4. Be faithful to the Lord (v. 11)

CHALLENGE: What are particular ways you can "sing these notes" in order to create harmony/be of one mind in the family of God?

Closing in prayer:

Sing the Doxology and see if people can find different harmony parts to this great closing song (sing it a few times to get it right!):

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below! Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.