

Bible Study Questions

Above All, Love: The 'Who' and 'What' of Christian Love: "Love the Saints"

Focus

God has saved us by His grace and united us together as His people (the Body of Christ), therefore, that we might glorify Him and faithfully carry out His gospel work in this world, we should seek to love each other with the kind of genuine love described in these verses..

Read

[Romans 12:9-13](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on the sermon series, "*Above All, Love*", which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in this book of the Bible; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

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Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. How does knowing where we are in Romans help inform our passage today? (Consider the important transition verses in this letter in 12:1-2.)
2. In what ways does the gospel of God's grace and love inform and energize your ability to live out the commands in verses 9-13?
3. Sunday's sermon offered several biblical reasons why it's important for Christians to love each other. How would you summarize the importance of love between Christian brothers and sisters in the church?
4. How might keeping the emphasis of the commands in verses 9-13 on the church and not just thinking of them as commands for individual Christians help inform your understanding and application of them?
5. With the understanding that each of these commands is meant to teach us how to express our love for one another, which one of them would you personally like to grow in the most?
6. Working together as a group, can you come up with examples either in our church or in another church where you've seen this kind of love being lived out?
7. Why would a church that's marked by this kind of love be more effective in gospel ministry than one that's not?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?

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2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?

3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?

4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?