



SDG Discussion Guide

"A Recipe For Love" (In the Family of God) Part 2

Romans 12:9-16

March 5, 2017

Opener:

What comes to mind when you think of the concept of harmony? A person? An object like a musical instrument? Why?

Group Interaction: *[The following content is meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the sermon text. Also, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the sermon or text.]*

1. How do you discern what is the evil you are to abhor (v 9)? How does one hate the evil without abhorring the person associated with the evil?
2. How does one show honor to another person? What does the command to "outdo one another in showing honor" (v 10) tell us about our understanding or commitment to such honor?
3. Think of a situation in which you have been persecuted or ill-treated, and you "cursed" rather than "blessed." If given a do-over, how would you react in that situation -- in such a way that reflects an adherence to the Scriptural command (v 14)?
4. In what ways are you inclined to be haughty, and to *disassociate* with the lowly (v 16)? Conversely, in what ways are you inclined to *not* be haughty, and to associate with the lowly?

*Be practical for question number four, because when you discuss it you might be an encouragement to others who struggle with pride or with envy.
5. What factors challenge or inhibit you (if any) from being able to "live in harmony" with other believers (v 16)?

Take some time to pray together as a group, perhaps splitting into even smaller groups of two or three. Ask the Holy Spirit to usher in a greater sense of his presence and of the truth of the Gospel in your life, right now. Pause.... Thank God for the gift of his son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pause.... Pray that God would show you specifically how you are to live out at these commands this week.