

Wrestling with Romans
Romans 12
Discussion Guide, May 9, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. - Romans 11:22

- How did you avoid having a hardened heart this past week?

OPEN:

- What are some ways in which the church has conformed to the ways of the world?
 - o In what ways is it appropriate and in what ways is it inappropriate to conform?

READ and ASK: Romans 12

- Romans has repeatedly emphasized the concept of God's mercy, what is the most appropriate way to respond to God's mercy?
- How do we properly worship God?
 - o What does it look like to offer your body as a living sacrifice?
- How can Christians renew their minds?
 - o Where should the focus of the Christian mind be?
- How should Christians think of themselves?
 - o What facts should keep a person from feeling superior or inferior to other Christians?
- How do people united in Christ act toward each other?
 - o How can the gifts God gives to Christians help others in the church?
- What is one thing we are to hate?
- How can a Christian learn to love others as God loves them?
 - o In what ways is Christian love more than emotion?

- Why is it wrong to repay evil with evil?
 - o How does doing good overcome evil?

APPLY:

- What gifts do you see in others? What gifts from God to you see in your life?
- How can you put your spiritual gift to work for others this week?
- In what ways can you honor someone above yourself?
- NEXT STEP: What new patterns do you need to start? What is one step you can take this week toward eliminating habits that merely conform to the world's pattern?

Memory Work:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. - Romans 12:1