

Sermon Discussion Questions

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

Romans 12:9-16 February 26, 2017

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Opener:

Who comes to mind when you think about the word "troublemaker?" What about "peacemaker?" Elaborate.

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. In the first part of this passage (vv 9-13), how does love operate within the family of faith?
- 2. How would the kind of love Paul describes in the passage be transformative for Christians and others?
- 3. In the second part of the passage (vv 14-16), how does love respond to those who are outside -- maybe even hostile towards -- the family of faith?

Application:

- 4. What in your life now "is good" -- where will you "cling"?
- 5. What comes to mind when you consider the command, "practice hospitality"? What thought does it stir in you if any at all?
- 6. Which command from this passage do you find particularly helpful to you right now?
- 7. Of the commands listed in this passage, which do you find easiest to keep? Which are the most difficult?
- 8. What's at least one relationship in your life that could use this lesson?

Take some time to be "faithful in prayer," adhering to the command, and pray together as a group. Ask for the Holy Spirit to help you to pray, then pause for a while, and ask God's forgiveness, understanding, patience, and power for that relationship (in reference to question eight)? Then pause again, and listen for how God communes with you in response to your prayer.