



Sermon Discussion Guide

September 7th, 2025 | Romans 12:3-8 | Pastor Greg Doty

Series // Transformed : Romans 12-16

Summary

Pastor Greg divided Romans 12:3-8 into three parts: self, one another, and what we do. He shared his struggle of measuring his worth by the quality of his sermons, which can cause fluctuating feelings of success and failure. This passage encourages us not to think too highly of ourselves but to view ourselves with "sober judgment." We are to measure ourselves through the lens of the gospel—recognizing that, though we are sinners (Romans 7:24), we are also saved by grace and there is no condemnation for those in Christ (Romans 8:1). This transformed perspective should shift us from self-centeredness to a focus on the body of Christ. Paul reminds us that the Christian life is not individual but communal, with different functions but all part of one body in Christ. We should view one another through the same gospel lens, appreciating that each person is saved by grace, regardless of their gifts or role. The passage concludes by discussing spiritual gifts, urging us to use them within the church—whether visible or behind the scenes. Pastor Greg encouraged everyone to embrace their unique gifts and serve the body of Christ.

Discussion Questions:

Self

- Pastor Greg mentioned that many of us measure our worth based on our performance. What are some common areas in life where we tend to base our self-worth on performance, and how can the gospel reshape this mindset?
- How do Romans 7:24 ("Wretched man that I am!") and Romans 8:1 ("There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.") work together to give us a balanced view of who we are in Christ in your own life? Which truth is easier to come to terms with?

One Another

- The sermon emphasized that the Christian life is not meant to be individualistic but rather communal. What does it mean to be a part of the "body of Christ," and why is this important for spiritual growth?
- In what ways can we foster a deeper sense of unity in the church, recognizing that every member, no matter their gift or function, is equally valuable?

What To Do

- Pastor Greg talked about using our spiritual gifts within the church, regardless of whether they are "upfront" or not. How can we identify our unique gifts, and what role does humility play in using them for the benefit of others?
- Pastor Greg encouraged us to use our gifts even if they seem small or unnoticed. How do we cultivate faithfulness in using our gifts, even when they don't receive much recognition?