



*This Is Where I
Belong*

BIBLE STUDY STUDENT GUIDE

REAL CHURCH → REAL COMMUNITY

ROMANS 12:9-16



BIG IDEA

Real church happens when people move beyond consuming God's blessings and begin embodying God's _____ toward one another.



GUIDING QUESTION

What does authentic Christian community actually look like?



CONTEXT

Paul transitions from explaining what God has done for believers to explaining how transformed believers should live with one another. In Romans 12:9-16, Paul gives us a picture of what real church looks like in practice.

THE BIG SHIFT



Up to Romans 11:
What God has done
for us.



Beginning in Romans 12:
How transformed people
should live with
one another.



KEY TRUTH

Christianity is not just about what we receive from God... it is about how we **reflect God to one another**.

MEMORY VERSE

“

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the humble. Never be wise in your own sight.”

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ROMANS 12:16 (HCSB)



PRAY BEFORE YOU STUDY

Ask God to open your heart to His Word and help you apply it to your life.

DIG INTO THE TEXT

Read Romans 12:9–16 (HCSB)

1

REAL COMMUNITY LOVES AUTHENTICALLY

ROMANS 12:9–10

1. Let love be _____.
2. Outdo one another in showing _____.
3. Real church is built on genuine _____.

WHAT THIS MEANS

Paul starts with sincerity. Love is not pretend or superficial. We are called to love truly and honor one another above ourselves.



2

REAL COMMUNITY SERVES & ENDURES TOGETHER

ROMANS 12:11–13

1. Do not be slothful in _____.
2. Be patient in _____.
3. Practice _____.
4. Healthy churches are places where everybody _____.

WHAT THIS MEANS

The church is a support system. We serve, share, encourage, pray, and open our homes and hearts to one another.



3

REAL COMMUNITY WALKS IN HUMILITY & UNITY

ROMANS 12:14–16

1. Rejoice with those who _____.
2. Weep with those who _____.
3. Live in _____ with one another.
4. Real church requires emotional _____.

WHAT THIS MEANS

We celebrate together. We grieve together. We live in unity and humility because Jesus first loved us.



YOU CAN HAVE A CROWD WITHOUT COMMUNITY... BUT YOU CANNOT HAVE REAL CHURCH WITHOUT REAL LOVE.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is the difference between attending church and building community?

2. How has modern culture affected relationships within the church?

3. Which command in this passage challenges you the most?

LIVE IT!

This week, I will:

- Encourage someone intentionally.

- Serve someone practically.

- Practice genuine community.

MY TAKEAWAY

What is one thing God is teaching you from Romans 12:9–16?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, help me move beyond simply consuming Your blessings and teach me to embody Your love toward others. Make me a person who builds up, serves, and loves like Jesus. Amen.

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