



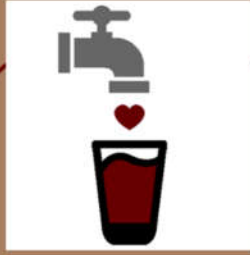
**REAL LIFE GROUPS  
ACTIVE LOVE CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021**

- Worship
- Teaching
- Discussion
- Prayer





# VISION



Get It



Grow It



Give It



## #1 PRIORITY: MAKE DISCIPLES

- Matt 28:19-20: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
- **How? Start by memorizing the Roman Road.**



## ROMANS SERIES

- Introduction, Roman Road (1:1-17)
- We Need a Savior (1:18-3:20)
- God Provides a Savior (3:21-5:21)
- God's Shaping Process (6-7)
- The Empowering Spirit (8)
- God's Plan for Israel (9-11)
- **Applying the Gospel (12-15:7)**
- Ministry to the Gentiles (15:8-16)



## GOD WANTS ALL OF YOU 12:1-2

- 1 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.
- 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

ROMANS

## OPERATE IN YOUR GIFTINGS 12:6-8

- Greek for “Know Thyself”
- God gives different gifts for the benefit of the body.
- Do you know your spiritual gifts?
- Are you using them for God?
- **This is critical for the mission of the church!**



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“In his grace” – operational power of God

Example gifts in Romans 12:

- Prophecy
- Serving
- Teaching
- Encouraging
- Giving
- Leadership
- Kindness

Other Spiritual Gifts list:

1 Cor 12

Eph 4:11

We have a spiritual gifts assessment.

We'd like to help you grow in your spiritual gifts with some On the Job Training!



## APPLYING THE GOSPEL – LOVE 12:9-21

- 9 Don't pretend, really love
- 11 Work hard to serve the Lord
- 13 Help the needy
- 15 Weep with those who weep
- 18 Be at peace with everyone
- 21 Conquer evil by doing good

Selected verses that describe ALC DNA





## DELEGATED AUTHORITY 13

- 1 Everyone who has authority over you has been placed there by God
- 2 Rebelling against authority is to rebel against God
- 4 The authorities are God's servants
- 4 They do not bear the sword in vain (NIV, NKJV, ESV)
  
- Authority cannot be created or destroyed, only transferred.

Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar were instruments in God's hands

They have the authority to carry out corporal punishment.

It is true that Paul was talking about a fair and just judgement as an ideal case, but Paul was well-aware of governmental oppression. The Jews were praying that the Messiah would save them from the Romans.

God used the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities as a means of justice for the Israelites.

Fortunately for us, the ultimate authority in America is not a person, it is the Constitution, which was written with Judeo-Christian principles. **We do not need to violate those principles, and in fact part of our civic responsibility is to remove from the system those who would have us do so.**

Speeding is a challenge for me. Our law was given to us for our good, instituted by God, but when I speed I am choosing to rebel against God's law.



## NO STUMBLING BLOCK BUT JESUS 14

- 13 Live in a way that will not cause another believer to stumble
- 19 Let us aim for harmony in the church and build each other up
- 21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause another to stumble.
- 23 Everything that does not come from faith is sin. (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. <sup>15</sup> **If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love.** Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died.

Matthew 21:42 says the cornerstone has become a stumbling block to many, and that's okay

We need to drop our Christianese and Christian pretenses and expectations and just love people on their level.



## PUT OTHERS FIRST 15

- <sup>7</sup> Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.
- **1 Peter 5:5-6** In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,
  - “God opposes the proud, but shows favor to the humble.”
  - <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Jews accept the Gentiles, Gentiles accept the Jews



## INSTRUCTIONS

- Write down the memory verses: Romans 12:1
- Read a chapter of Romans 12-15 each day this week
- **Practice going through the Roman Road**
- Pray for each other