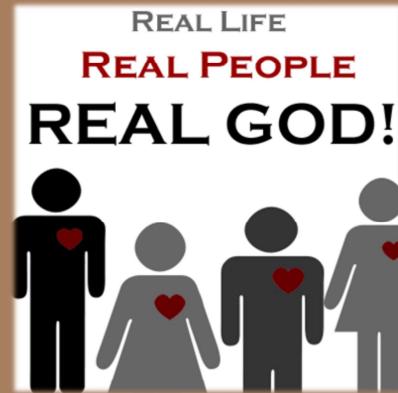




**REAL LIFE GROUPS  
ACTIVE LOVE CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2021**

- Worship
- Teaching
- Discussion
- Prayer





# VISION



Get It



Grow It



Give It



## MISSION: GO, 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.**



## MISSION: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

- Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’
  
- **How?      Read Romans 12**



## VISION STATEMENT

The pastors and staff at Active Love Church desire to create a missional community. We seek to build an *active* culture where we:

- (1) *Expect* members to continually grow and learn,
- (2) *Demonstrate* God's love to **every** family in McGregor,
- (3) *Meet* needs in the local community, and
- (4) *Reach* surrounding cities through ministry multiplication.



## 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 (12-13)
- **Grace for New Believers (14-16)**



## 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>13</sup> Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. <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, Christian pretenses, and expectations and just love people on their level.



## PUT OTHERS FIRST 15

- 5 May God, who gives patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Jesus.
- Phil 2:3 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Jews accept the Gentiles, Gentiles accept the Jews





## ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER 15

- 7 Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.
  - Jews accept Gentiles, Gentiles accept Jews
    - Paul quotes **four** OT passages about Gentiles praising God. (v 9-12)
    - Gentiles were always included in God's plan!
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- I will praise you among the Gentiles
  - Rejoice with his people, you Gentiles
  - Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles
  - The heir to David's throne will rule over the Gentiles, they will hope in him.



## SALUTATIONS 16

- Of the 27 Romans mentioned, 10 were women!
  - Women played an important part in the early church.
  - Paul recognized Phoebe as a deacon, worthy of honor.
- The names contain a very diverse group:
  - Jews, Gentiles, slaves, free, men, women
- Paul had never been to Rome, how did he know so many people?



## FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT 16

- 17 Watch out for those who cause division!
- 19 Be excellent in doing what is good, be innocent of evil.
- 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet!



## INSTRUCTIONS

- Write down the memory verses: 16:20a
- Read Romans 16:4-16
- **Practice going through the Roman Road**
- Pray for each other