



## COMMUNITY GROUP LEADER GUIDE

### WEEK THREE: "TOGETHER IS NORMAL" | ROMANS 12:1-8

#### SERIES OVERVIEW

Christians sometimes give an impression that they are not to be bothered, even amongst fellow Christians, by things that seem to mess up their put together worlds. However, God's people have been changed by his Spirit and what was once abnormal—loving sacrificially—is now normal. It is a love that acts, sacrifices and desires the highest good for others. It is the mark of which Jesus said others would know we are his followers. This love is the authenticating mark of a Christian. This love is normal.

#### THIS WEEK

This week we will talk about how it is normal for Christians to be together. Christian Community is rooted in the mercy that we have received from God. When we understand the mercy that we have received, we can humbly be in community with each other, use our gifts to serve the Body of Christ, and show Jesus Christ to the outside world.

#### ICE BREAKER

Which part of your body is the least cooperative? (verses 4-5)

#### READ: Romans 12:1-8

1. Together is normal for all who experienced God's mercy, vv. 1-2.
  - a. *God's mercy allows for full worship.*
  - b. *God's mercy allows for continual transformations of our life.*
2. Together is normal only through humility, vv. 3-8
  - a. *Christians called to think humbly of ourselves, v. 3*
  - b. Humility is necessary to function together as Jesus' Body, vv. 4-5
  - c. Humility is expressed as we share God's gifts together, 6-8.
3. When together is normal in Jesus, His life becomes visible to all.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. *How is it a blessing from God that as the Body of Christ, we can fellowship with others not like ourselves? What keeps us from living in community with others?***
- 2. *How do you measure yourself?***
- 3. How does humility help the Body of Christ function properly?**
- 4. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What two types of gifts does Peter list? What are some examples of these gifts? (1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 are also great verses to personally study this week).**
- 5. What are your gifts? How can you use these gifts to build the body of Christ by maturing its members or expanding its members?**
- 6. When together is normal in Jesus, how can Christian community impact those outside of it?**

## **APPLICATION**

Great application points for the week would be for each person to find a place within the Church where they can use their gifts. Email Michael or Vick to find out more specifics on where they can serve. Second, ask each member to invite a co-worker or family member to Church or community group next week.