



Study Guide

Romans Course

Session 9: Community How can we live together in love?

1. **Read Romans 12: 3-8.** How can the teachings about humility, unity and giftedness, help in strengthening the group and the church?
2. **Read Romans 13: 1-2.** Why is it right that we should obey the government? Can you think of other parts of the Bible where this provision is established?
3. **Read Romans 13: 8-10.** How do you understand the 'obligation' (NLT); 'debt' (NIV) of love? How does this fit in with modern society's claim to human rights?
4. It is possible that a government might choose to require something unloving of us? Can these two teachings taken from Romans 13 be reconciled?
5. **Read Romans 14: 1-4.** Paul here teaches that some things, (for example, putting limitations on the food you are prepared to eat) are down to individual conscience and others (for example, condemning (NLT) or judging (NIV) someone who disagrees over a matter of conscience) are not. How do we recognise the difference?
6. **Read Romans 14: 16-19.** How can we realise these commands? What do we need to do as a group and as individuals?
7. Take some time praying for the church and groups in the church, thanking God for them and asking for his further blessing on them.