

Dig Deeper into Romans 12:9-13. Sermon series on the Church



This passage is, as the subtitle in the NIVUK says, about 'Love in action' between brothers and sisters in Christ. So this week, give plenty of time to talk through specific ways of working this out in our lives as we aim to be devoted to one another at CCH.

1) Look at Romans 12:1-2. Why is it vital to start with this as we try and live out verses 9-13?

2) Verse 9: Why do you think our love for other believers is not always sincere?

Is there anything you need to bring to the Lord to ask for forgiveness for on this front?
What prayer would you value in terms of heart change towards other believers?

3) Verse 10: How can we spur one another on in being devoted to each other?

Have you any encouragements to share as to when you have seen a brother or sister honour you above themselves?

4) Verse 12: What does it mean to be joyful in hope? Patient in affliction? Faithful in prayer?

What is distinctive about the hope and patience we can have in Christ?
Why do these things matter when supporting each other as church family?

(These two questions link and could prompt conversations about how we can support each other today in light of having confidence in the promise of the new creation to come. But of course there is more that can be drawn out as well)

5) Verse 13: Where do you need to be challenged to share with the Lord's people who are in need?

6) Verse 13: Why is hospitality part of the Christian walk?

What might it look like for you?
Why is it important to remember 1 Peter 4:9?
Why is it easy to forget?