



# Ministry at Home



Family Devotional for Wednesday, June 3rd

**Note for Parents:** You are doing an awesome job!!! There's obviously a lot of things that could be fighting for your attention and the attention of your family, but it says a lot about you and your dedication to being a Godly parent that you are taking time to do this quick study with your family. This is where ministry really happens! Thank you from everyone here at Robinson Ave.

**Instructions:** Pray together to start. Tonight's scripture comes from Romans 12:12. Read them as a family. Some thoughts on the scripture and discussion questions have been provided below. These are there if you want to use them, but feel free to go wherever the conversation takes you. The important thing is to simply sit and talk about the Word of God for a little while. This is your class so lead it as you see fit. Close in prayer.

**Scripture:** Romans 12:9-21

**Thoughts:** Are you angry, heartbroken, confused, or indifferent about this last week's social unrest? In light of everything that has gone on this last week, this passage seems very appropriate and applicable. There is so much deep, practical wisdom in it that you could spend an hour on each little part and how they relate to the country's current situation. If your family wants to spend the whole devo time on one part of the passage and there is fruitful conversation, by all means, go for it. God has given us a gold mine of wisdom here!

Much of this passage is about how we interact with other people. The important thing to remember is that the love of God is the starting place for us. God's love transforms us and the way we interact with each other. So the first discussion question is this:

## Discussion Question:

Are you approaching your interactions with other people with the love of God in your heart AND in your words?

## Follow-up Discussion Questions:

- (12:9) What does it mean to love sincerely and how can we do that right now?
- (12:9) Have you seen anything evil happen recently? What have you seen that was good?
- (12:10) What does it look like to be devoted to one another in brotherly love?
- (12:10) Attitude check. How can you honor other people above yourself? This includes the people you may disagree with as well as the people you are on the same page with.
- (12:11) "Zealous" essentially means you are passionate about something. Are you zealous for God and for serving him? How do you put that into action?
- (12:12) This is a powerful verse. As Christians, our hope is in Christ and the salvation He promises. We should be joyful knowing this. That hope and joy allows us to be patient in our difficult circumstances and to pray faithfully throughout.

- (12:13) People need all kinds of things right now. A shoulder to cry on, a Christian to help them process what they've seen, wisdom, peace, food, a home, etc. Who do you know that is in need and what can you provide?
- (12:14) Attitude check. Are you cursing or blessing the people you have disagreements with? How are you engaging with people on social media? Jesus had sharp disagreements with people, but he didn't do it with hate in his heart.
- (12:15) This verse is all about being present (spiritually, emotionally, physically, etc) with people. There are people on both sides of the issue who need someone to be present with them. Who needs you to be there for them?
- (12:16) How can we live in harmony when everything seems so tense and heated?
- (12:16) Attitude check. Are there people that you think you are better than? If so, what can you do to honor them?
- (12:17) Do you feel like someone has said or done something hurtful towards you? How should you respond?
- (12:18) See first question about 12:16. Notice that it says, "as far as it depends on you." You have a choice to live at peace with people.
- (12:19) What does this verse have to say about how we should respond to things that hurt us?
- (12:20-21) What is the best way to engage with people you disagree with?