



Family Devotional for Wednesday, March 25th

**Note for Parents**: Thanks for taking the time to do this study with your kids. I will be following up tomorrow with them via Zoom to check in and see what you came up with regarding the discussion questions below. This is where ministry really happens. Discussions like this can make a huge impact on your kids and hopefully on you too. Thank you for being a tool in God's hands! He's at work even during a pandemic! (3)

**Instructions**: Pray together to start. The main scripture for tonight comes from Romans 12:9-13. Read it as a family. I have provided a summary of the scripture and discussion questions below. They're 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 12:9-13

**Summary**: The passage from Romans has a lot of instructions on how to live your life as a member of the church. Several of these one-liners are very applicable to right now:

"Be <u>devoted to one another</u> in brotherly love." "Honor one another above yourselves." "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, <u>serving the Lord</u>." "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." "Share with God's people who are in need." "Practice hospitality."

Paul is giving these new Gentile Christians the bare bones of what they should do. In other words, these instructions are the non-negotiable foundation of what it means to be a Christian. We were doing these things a few weeks ago before the outbreak of Covid-19 and we should still be doing them now. The question is, "How can we still do some of these things when we can't physically meet together as a church?"

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How did you see God today?
- 2. As Christians, we do these things because of Jesus, for others, and for ourselves.
  - 1. We do these things because of Jesus. Why?
  - 2. Why should we do these things for other people?
  - 3. What benefit do we as individuals get from doing these things?
- 3. Get specific on these:
  - 1. How can we show our devotion to the other members of Robinson Avenue?
  - 2. What is God asking us to do to serve him right now?
  - 3. How can we share with God's people who are in need?