

Hope in the Body, Part 2

Romans 12.2-8

9.27.26

²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will. ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

- What God wants is good and well-pleasing and _____.
- _____ that we have as Christians is from the Lord.
- _____ in the Body of Christ is more important than anyone else
- Every _____ has a _____, a God-assigned function. Function = faith in _____
- We _____ each other...

Further reflection/discussion

What do you like about this passage?

What questions do you have?

What do we learn about people? God's heart?

What is something you need to ask/trust the Lord to help you to apply based on this passage?

-----**(Specific questions)**-----

What are some ways I am being "same-formed" to the world?

Are there any things that have made it hard for you to accept that what God wants is perfect?

Which is harder to accept: that you need the Body, or the Body needs you? And why is that?

What would you say is your God-assigned grace-gift?

How all-in are you for serving the Body with this grace-gift?

What would you say are some things that might keep you from serving the Body?

Connect the gift with its God-assigned vital function

Prophecy	Helping (with) what needs DOING
Serving	Helping direct people/plans
Teaching	Helping provide/share needed resources
Encouraging	Helping WHO is in need
Giving	Helping people learn (truth)
Leading	Helping people get/keep going
Mercy-ing	Helping people know what they need to do.

Next time: "Hope in the Body: The Love"