

“How To Be A Loving Church”

Romans 12:3-21

Sermon Series: “Truths That Transform”

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Why We Love

“So that Park Meadows Baptist Church will continue to be a emotionally safe place where people are loved, taught Biblical truth and encouraged so that there will be a ongoing noticeable Godlike Change in their lives!”

Love Will Be Evident In Our Church When....

1. I Evaluate Myself Honestly! - Romans 12:3-5

“As God's messenger, I give each of you this warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you.” - Romans 12:3 NLT

“...and don't think you know it all!” - Romans 12:16b

I am to evaluate myself as God sees me, not as I want to see myself!

“The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector!” - Luke 18:11 NLT

Two facts of life:

- **We belong to each other!** - Romans 12:5
- **We need each other!** - Romans 12:5

When my evaluation of myself is real – others will not be intimidated by me but drawn to me!

2. I Allow God To Humbly Use Me! - Romans 12:6-9

“God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well....”
- Romans 12:6a

We serve not to do but to encourage, build up and motivate others!

“...We stay spiritually alive only by giving away what we are receiving.”
J. Keith Miller, “A Hunger For Healing”

3. I Love Others So That They Know And Feel My Love! - Romans 12:10-21

Everyday Ways To Show Love...So It Will Be Felt!

“Don't just pretend you love other, Really love them...”
- Romans 12:9

“Love each other with genuine affection...” - Romans 12:10

“When God's children are in need, be the one to help them out.”
- Romans 12:13

“If people persecute you for being a Christian, don't curse them; pray that God bless them.”
- Romans 12:14

“When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sorrow.”
- Romans 12:15

“Live in harmony with each other...enjoy the company of ordinary people”
- Romans 12:16

“Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.” - Romans 12:17a

“Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God.”
- Romans 12:19

“If your enemies are hungry – feed them.” - Romans 12:20

“If your enemies are thirsty, give them something to drink...”
- Romans 12:20