

MCA Discussion Questions

Who I am in Christ

Romans 12:3-8

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³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Theme: An important part of transformation is discovering how to live into and serve out of our passion and gifting. This message explores the joy, satisfaction and effectiveness of serving within our gifts.

Application: Once we are in the process of being transformed, using our gifts enables us to contribute, to connect, to grow - and to learn God's purpose for our lives.

Discussion Questions

1. In verse 3 Paul admonishes us to not think more highly of ourselves than we ought. Why might he feel he needs to say that? How might that be different than our culture's view of self? What does Paul say is the only right way to get a handle on understanding ourselves?
2. In verse 4-5 Paul uses the analogy of the human body. Why would he use that? What is he trying to say? Which does he say is more important, the individual parts or the whole? Where do we, as individuals, find our meaning and our function?
3. In verses 6-8 Paul gives a list of different roles in Christ's body and admonishes us to stick to our own role. What might be some reasons for that admonition? How might we be tempted to go beyond our own roles? And how is this counter cultural?
4. Who do you see at MCA that is serving fruitfully in the area of their giftedness?
5. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? (are you using them?)
6. Are you tempted to compare yourself with others? Why is that dangerous?