

MESSAGE NOTES

"Connexus"

Text: Romans 12:1-13

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True community happens when we:

1. _____ without _____ (Romans 12:9a).
2. _____ without _____ (Romans 12:9b).
3. _____ onto what is _____ (Romans 12:9c).

Hebrews 10:24-25

Proverbs 10:11

4. _____ without _____ (Romans 12:10).
5. _____ through His _____ (Romans 12:11).
6. _____, _____ and _____ (Romans 12:12).
7. _____ (Romans 12:13).

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TAKING IT HOME

For the week of March 26.

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. **Romans 12:9** begins by saying, “Let love be genuine.” The rest of the passage describes genuine love. Read **Romans 12:9-21** and write down the following:

Things to do:

Things not to do:

Attitudes of the heart:

Which of these commands are especially relevant for you right now? Why?

2. What keeps you from actively living in true community and loving others? What barriers or obstacles stand in your way?
3. We heard on Sunday that vulnerability is necessary for personal growth. In 2 Corinthians, the apostle Paul is remarkably vulnerable about his weaknesses. As you read the following passages, describe how Paul is being vulnerable and the effect it has on his readers.
 - **2 Corinthians 4:7**
 - **2 Corinthians 11:27-30**
 - **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

Why do most people resist being vulnerable with others? What’s the long-term impact of isolating yourself and refusing to be vulnerable?

4. Why do you think Christian community is essential in order for us to see our hearts, attitudes and behaviors change?