



DISCUSSION GUIDE OCTOBER 17, 2021

Dive In

Make a list of the attributes of a strong small group. (This is not meant to be an exercise in tearing down your present or past groups. Stay positive and encouraging! 😊)

Dig Deep

Scripture: **Romans 12:3-13**

³ For 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. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if 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.

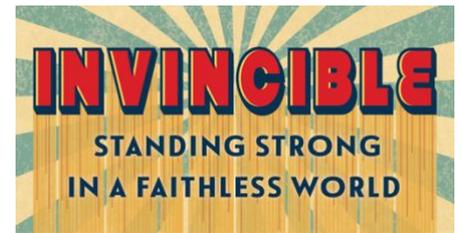
- Think of ways you see the Church benefitting from this advice from Paul. How have you seen a variety of gifts at work for the Kingdom?

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

- What are some hindrances to practicing hospitality?
- How can you "be devoted to one another"? What are some specific ways that you can live this out in your small group?

Do Big

It's time to make plans for your group! Set dates for a fun, purely social get-together and a project where you can all serve. Pray for guidance for your group as you move forward. If you have any questions or concerns about your LIFE Group, contact Trish Waldron or Joe Roberts. These groups are so important to the church family of North Boulevard!



LEADERS

Study Text:

Romans 12:1-21

"We're in this together!"

Fred Rogers was quoted as saying, "What really matters is helping others win, too, even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then." And what better place to apply this principle than in our small groups! The Apostle Paul encouraged the Christians to practice empathy with one another, sharing both the burdens and the victories.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." **Romans 12:15**

Memory Verse

"Do 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."

Romans 12:2

