

## **Week 10: Romans 12 & 13**

### **Ice Breaker Question**

1. What is your favorite holiday dish or dessert (Thanksgiving or Christmas)?

### **Sermon Questions**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon this week?
2. God's Love for us is meant to motivate our love for others. Discuss how this process works in your life. What challenges exist for living this out?
3. Review Romans 12:14-20. Who are the enemies that God calls us to love and what might that look like based on the commands listed below?
  - a. Bless those who persecute you (v. 14)
  - b. Do not be haughty – associate with the lowly (v. 16)
  - c. Never be wise in your own sight (v. 16)
  - d. Repay no one evil for evil (v. 17)
  - e. Overcome evil with good (v. 21)
4. Review Romans 13: 1-2. What parts of this passage are challenging? Why do politics and the actions of our leaders become such a point of emphasis in our lives?
5. How do we balance a call to obedience to God and obedience to earthy leaders (see also Acts 5:27-29)? What should our response look like when decisions are made that we disagree with or know to be contrary to God?
6. What types of emotions, mindsets or circumstances contribute to our animosity towards others that have different viewpoints? What mindset shifts might help us to more respectfully engage with people who are different than us?
7. Share an experience you have had in loving someone who was difficult to love. How did that experience impact you? What did you notice during that process?
8. Pastor Justin challenged us all to identify one area where the Gospel would change the way we love others? Discuss and share.

### **Prayer Time**

Spend 5-10 minutes praying for one another, for the GraceHill Family, for our Small Group Ministry, for believers around the world that they would be strengthened in Faith, and for the lost, that they would hear the Gospel and believe.