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Division seems ever present - but just as present is the solution Jesus offers. Jesus offers unity. But what does that actually look like? In this series out of Romans 12, we'll talk about the unity Jesus offers and what God's people living God's way looks like in the messy, everyday stuff of doing life together.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

- 1 What are some group or team experiences you've had that you would describe as exemplify "unity"? (Could be in athletics, academics, armed services, or anywhere else)
- 2 Read Romans 12:1-2. Romans 12 begins with a reference to God's mercy. That's because **unity is** accomplished by Jesus. If you were explaining to someone who didn't know who Jesus is or what he has done, what would you tell them?
- **3 Read Romans 12:3-5.** Unity is not uniformity. In fact, **unity is designed with diversity in mind.** How do differences make church community stronger? What does this tell us about God?

## 4 Read Romans 12:6-8. Unity creates equal opportunity for using our God-given gifts.

There is no bench in the local church - every one has needs and everyone has gifts. Name some people in your community who's God-given gifts are a blessing to you. Take a moment as a group to call out the gifts you see in others, and finish by praying together and thanking God for the unity he has accomplished and is still accomplishing.

