



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 Not counting museums or vehicle dealerships, what's the most expensive item you've ever seen in person? Did the item look like it was worth the price?

2 Read Romans 12:1-16. On the church's price tag, Jesus has already paid the ultimate cost. But God asks us to pay an individual price - not for salvation, but for the sake of unity. And the price tag reads: **give up your pride.** Note the three warnings against pride in this passage. What do they tell us about how pride poisons unity?

3 The ESV translates the last sentence of verse 16, "Never be wise in your own sight." (For an OT comparison, look at Proverbs 26:12). What are ways to avoid being "wise in our own eyes?"

4 Read Romans 12:10 in 3-4 different translations. The counterweight to pride is to **give away honor.** In a culture of love, honor is shown to others regardless of status or skill. Honor means seeing the value in others and esteeming them correctly. But that value isn't to get better social standing (*note Paul's warning in v16*). The value is in that person as a brother or sister in Christ. But let's move from theory to practice - what are tangible ways to show other people honor? Is there someone you as a group can show honor to together?

5 Extra credit: How is Jesus our model of giving up pride and showing honor? (*for a Biblical answer, hop over to Philippians 2:1-10*).

