



Living With Holy Passion | Romans 12:9-21

1. When you hear the word "passion," what kinds of things do people in our culture tend to be passionate about? What do you think it looks like for a Christian to live with "holy passion"? Read Romans 12:9-21 together, does the text affirm your ideas or challenge them?
2. Paul begins with the command: "Love must be sincere." What do you think sincere (non-hypocritical) love looks like in practice? Paul links love with hating evil and clinging to good. Why do you think these ideas belong together? What does it mean to "honour one another above yourselves"? For further discussion, see: John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16-18; Philippians 2:3-4.
3. Why can Christian love sometimes become routine, polite, or superficial rather than sincere? In what ways can a church community grow in family-like devotion to one another? Is there a practical way you could show intentional love to someone this week?
4. What do you think Paul means by "never be lacking in zeal"? The phrase "spiritual fervour" suggests being spiritually "on fire." What might that look like in everyday life? Why is it important that our passion is directed toward serving the Lord, rather than personal success or recognition? For further discussion, see: Revelation 3:15-16; Colossians 3:23-24; Acts 18:24-25.
5. What are some things that can cause spiritual passion to cool over time? Which practices help rekindle spiritual fervour? What might it look like for you personally to serve the Lord with renewed zeal right now?
6. In Romans 12:12-13, Paul gives three instructions. To be: joyful in hope; patient in affliction; faithful in prayer. How do these three ideas support one another? Which of these do you find hardest during difficult seasons?
7. Why do you think hope is essential for perseverance in the Christian life? How can Christian community help people persevere in hardship? What are some practical ways we can share with those in need or practice hospitality?
8. Why do you think Paul tells believers to bless those who persecute them? What does it mean to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn? For further discussion, see: Matthew 5:44; 1 Peter 2:21-23; Romans 5:8. What situations make it hardest to live at peace with others? Is there a relationship where you may need to choose grace over retaliation?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

