



## Ecclesiology: The Study of the Church

### Lesson 9: The Gospel-Driven Church

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#### INTRODUCTION

1. What are some areas of responsibility in the church that people are unmotivated to fulfill? Why do you think there is a lack of motivation in these areas? \_\_\_\_\_

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In this study we're going to discover how the gospel motivates and equips us to build each other up in the church.

#### MAIN IDEA

The gospel not only frees us from sin individually, it also equips us to live together as a church in a way that builds unity, helps others grow spiritually, and brings glory to God.

#### DIGGING IN

After eleven chapters of expounding the gospel of God's grace, in Romans 12 Paul turns to exhort us about how to live in light of the gospel.

#### Romans 12:1-2.

1. On what basis does Paul appeal to us in this passage? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is Paul referring to when he speaks of "the mercies of God"? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. In verse 2, what does Paul tell us not to do? What does he tell us to do? How are we to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What will be some of the results in our relationships if we think of ourselves with sober judgment? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Here's another implication of the gospel that Paul addresses: since we are in Christ by faith, we are all members of the same body. What does Paul exhort us to do in light of this? (See vv. 4–8) \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What are some ways that you can seek to build up others through gifts God has given you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. How does the gospel equip and motivate us to genuinely love others with brotherly affection and to outdo each other in showing honor (vv. 9–10)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. In verse 13 Paul urges us, “contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.” How does the gospel empower and motivate us to care for others’ needs in the church and to extend hospitality? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What are some practical ways that you can contribute to the needs of the saints and show hospitality? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. In Romans 15:7, at the very end of his extended discussion of how we should live as a church in light of the gospel, Paul sums everything up by saying, “Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.” What are some other practical ways you can think of that we can welcome each other in the church instead of creating division and disunity?<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>1</sup> Bobby Jamieson, *God's Good News: The Gospel*, ed. Mark Dever, 9Marks Healthy Church Study Guides (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 41–44.