



# SERMON GUIDE

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## CALLED OUT—3 “HOW WE “DO” CHURCH”



ROMANS 12:3-21

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The way we function as a church flows out of who we are in Christ.

**Read Romans 12:3-21**

**1** How are the “rules” of doing church sometimes inconsistent with how we function?



Everyone in the church has a job to do, not a seat to occupy. But who decides who does what job? God “owns” the church, and He also has the keys. He calls the shots. He decides who does what in the church.

**2** As a member of Christ’s Body, what job or function has God given you to do?

**Part of the work we do as a church IS the work of relationships.**

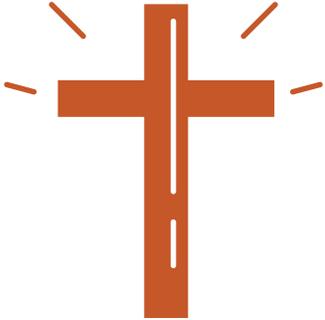
- Proactive work to thrive in healthy relationships (verses 9-13).
  - Love one another
  - Outdo one another with honor
  - Be fervent in spirit
  - Rejoice in hope, patient in adversity, constant in prayer
  - Be generous and hospitable





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- Reactive work to mend broken relationships and broken hearts (verses 14-21).
  - Bless when you're not being blessed
  - Celebrate others' successes and grieve others' losses
  - Live in harmony (even when others are not harmonious)
  - Associate with the lowly (and don't be a jerk)
  - Don't seek vengeance, don't try to get even
  - If possible, as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with everyone (but sometimes it won't work out)

**3** When were times when you have seen God given you or others the work to thrive in healthy relationships? To mend broken relationships?

Reactive work comes as a result of broken relationships, grief, conflict, and pain. The goal is not conflict resolution but conflict transformation.

**Conflict:** Go Godward    Get Curious    Go Deep    Get Right

Life is hard. Relationships are hard. Family is complicated and difficult, and so is the church. But we are a redeemed people loved by our Redeemer, Jesus Christ! The way we function as a church flows out of who we are in Christ.

## NEXT STEPS:

1. If you would like to explore further what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus and to have His peace, His shalom, text "FOLLOW" to 317-707-6462
2. For additional information on how to see conflict transformed and not just resolved, text "CONFLICT" to 317-707-6462.

