

## *"Relationship: Authenticity"*

Romans 12:3-13

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Be the Real Friend you want to have.

1) REAL FRIENDS ARE REAL BEFORE GOD (v. 3)

2) REAL FRIENDS BLESS YOU WITH THEIR GIFTS (v. 4-8)

3) REAL FRIENDS DON'T FAKE THEIR LOVE (v. 9-13)

*READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Romans 12:14-16*

## Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: Who was your best friend when you were a kid, and why?

- 1) How does thinking "of yourself more highly than you ought" negatively affect our relationships?
- 2) What would be the opposite of sober judgment?
- 3) What truths about yourself and God help keep you humble?
- 4) How does one come to have spiritual gifts?
- 5) Why is the healthy expression of these gifts essential in our relationships with others (specifically in the church)?
- 6) What are ways that we might fake love?
- 7) How can we make sure our love is sincere?
- 8) How does loving what is good and hating what is evil keep our love honest?
- 9) Devotion and honor are often emphasized in marriage. How do they connect to our friendships?
- 10) How can we help one another to keep their spiritual fervor?
- 11) What does it look like to practice hospitality?
- 12) How did this passage challenge or encourage you?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?