

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 8-7-2022**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Have you ever been in a job where someone was not fit for their position? What did it do to the productivity of that place?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Luke 10:25-37 Investigating Jesus

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

Read Romans 12:4-21

1. The spiritual gifts mentioned here are incredible gifts for believers. But why are these spiritual gifts given to believers? In other words, what is the specific purpose we have been given these gifts?
2. Have you ever identified any of these gifts for yourself? Explain.
3. Why is it important for these gifts to operate in love? How do they relate to the directions Paul gives in vrs. 9-21?
4. Vs. 9 states "Love must be sincere." How does sincerity relate to these actions of serving in love?
5. Which one of the serving responses Paul gives in these verses are easiest for you? Which are hardest?
6. How are you utilizing your spiritual gift in areas of service today? Do you have sincerity, fervor, zeal and enthusiasm in this serving area?
7. Gateway church has many areas for you to serve. If you have not found a place to serve yet, make sure you discover your spiritual fervor, zeal, sincerity and enthusiasm which will cause your serving to be in line with this study!

**Apply it today:** Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?