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Session 4: Honour One Another

Bible Passages

Romans 12

"Honour one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

Read Romans 12:3-16

- What can make us think more highly of ourselves than we should? [Our gifts, or our role in the church, I think is the answer implied here.]
- How should we think of ourselves "with sober judgement"?
- What does it mean to "honour one another above yourselves" (v.10)?
- The opposite would be the kind of pride and conceit mentioned in v.16. The harmony Paul calls for here is clearly more than simply getting along with the "people like us" in church. Is this a challenge we need to take on board at St.Ebbe's? How might you apply this verse to yourself?
- There are lots of other lovely verses in this passage, but which aren't so obviously on this theme of honouring one another. However, you could take a moment to pick out some of the other key challenges to how we live with and relate to *one another* in the church.

Another way the NT tells us to honour one another is by telling us to *"clothe yourselves with humility towards one another"* (1 Peter 5:5). That attitude of humility towards one another is fleshed out by Paul. Read **Philippians 2:1-11**

- How would you unpack from these verses what Paul means by "humility"?
- What does he mean by "consider others better than yourselves"?
- How does Jesus perfectly demonstrate the attitude of humility we should have?
- How might "selfish ambition or vain conceit" or a concern only for our own interests show themselves in our church life?
- How might our union with Christ, our experience of His love, and our fellowship with the Spirit motivate us to such humility?

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