January 9, 2011 *The Bridge Bible Fellowship* Pastor Paul S. Brown Romans 12:9-21

"The Local Church Part Seventeen: Ministry in the Church, Part Two"

- 1. Humility (Transformed Mind / Responding to God's Mercy) & Dependence (v. 3)
- 2. Humility (Transformed Mind / Responding to God's Mercy) & Interdependence (v. 4-5)
- 3. Humility (Transformed Mind / Responding to God's Mercy) & Spiritual Gifts (v. 6-8)
- 4. Humility (Transformed Mind / Responding to God's Mercy) & \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(v. 9-21)

a. From a \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 9

b. With \_\_\_\_\_\_ – v. 10-13

c. With \_\_\_\_\_\_ – v. 14-16

d. With \_\_\_\_\_\_ – v. 17-21

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What specific changes did you make in your lifestyle this past week as a result of studying Romans 12:3-8? What are your spiritual gifts? How does God's mercy toward you motivate you to exercise them in a church that is imperfect?
- 2. What does the word "mercy" mean? How does a deep understanding of God's mercy toward you impact your relationships with other people?
- 3. Look at Rom. 12:9-21. How does God's mercy motivate us to obedience? How would a misunderstanding of mercy impact our ability to obey these instructions from the heart?
- 4. What is a "hypocrite?" In Mt. 23 Jesus called the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites. Why did He say that about them? Were their lives motivated by mercy / grace or by law? How does living by "law" impact our ability to comprehend God's mercy and then humbly share it with others?
- 5. For each of the phrases in Rom. 12:9-21 discuss what they mean, how intensely they are to be applied, and give some specific examples of how they can/will be applied in your life.

6. What one main thing are you going to do differently this week as a result of this study?