



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Jan. 13 & 14, 2024

“Build Bridges of Harmony”

[Romans 12:16-21](#)

For the first six-week sermon series of the year we'll be focusing on our 10 for 10 goals. Every sermon will focus on one or two of those goals to help groups dig deeper into what we believe God is calling us to as a church. Once this sermon series is over, we're encouraging each Hope Group to select a few of the goals to learn more about. You can use the [10 for 10 Group Study Guides on the Hope Group page](#) to facilitate future studies on different books.

### PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to view the message on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any “ah-ha” moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

### GROW

#### Read [Romans 12:16-21](#) - “Love in Action”

- What does it mean to live in harmony with other people? How can we tell there is disharmony? Have you ever felt that in a relationship? What did you do to heal it? Why is it important to live in harmony with others? How is this passage counter-cultural? What would our world look like if everyone did this?

#### Read [Galatians 3:23-29](#) - “Children of God”

- What do you see when you look at someone who is different than you? How can we identify and stop the prejudices we've learned throughout our life? What does it mean to be “one” with other people? In what ways does the world try to tell us we're different and separate us or tell us we can't be in a relationship with other people?

#### Read [Genesis 1:27](#) - “The Beginning”

- What does it mean to be made in God's image? What is God's image? In what ways do we sometimes try to form God into our image?

#### Read [Galatians 2:11-13](#) - “Paul Opposes Cephus”

- When was the last time God surprised or challenged you? Has another believer ever challenged or held you accountable to God's Word? How did you receive that? How have other people helped you grow and become more of what God's calling you to be?

### APPLY

Think about the people in your life that the world says you can't have a relationship with or a group of people you have biases toward. How can you seek to build bridges instead of walls with someone this week?