

Title: Mother's Day Reflection

Text: Romans 12:9-16

Date: May 9, 2021

WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Think about a significant "mother" individual in your life. How did she impact you? Take a moment to give thanks to God for her.
2. We continue to weather many challenges, struggles, and difficulties. What is the level in your emotional "bank account"? What have been some recent positive deposits? What have been some negative withdrawals?
3. Who was the closest person in your life who has died? How was that experience of grieving and mourning?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read through Romans 12:9-16. Here Paul provides pastoral encouragement for how we can live together as the family of God. What statements are most meaningful for you at this time?
2. Consider more closely the verse that Pastor Jason focused on this Sunday (Romans 9:15). What are the benefits of a church or small group in sharing rejoicing or mourning?
3. Why do you think Paul encourages us to "mourn with someone who mourns" rather than "cheer up or comfort someone who mourns"?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Thinking back to the closest person to you who died. Who practiced "mourning with" you? How did they do this? How was this encouraging to you?
2. What are different ways which we can mourn with another person? How might silence be appropriate (See Job 2:11-13)?
3. Pray together for the Song family as they grieve the death of their son, Nick. Pray for the church family how we can care for all who mourn with them.