

Series / Week: Uncommon: Identity — *Romans 12:3–8* **Dates:** 9/13 – 9/20 / 26

Connect: If you could instantly master one skill or talent, what would it be — and why?

Reflect: How do you think people today define identity?

Where do you see yourself wrestling with the world's definition versus God's?

Read: Romans 12:3–8 (NIV)

Study

Summary of Romans 12:1–2 (last week):

Paul called believers to surrender — to offer themselves as living sacrifices and be transformed by the renewing of their minds. That surrender becomes the foundation for identity.

Summary of Romans 12:3–8:

Paul moves from surrender to identity. He teaches that grace shapes how we see ourselves and how we belong to one another. Our identity is not built on status or success but on humility, community, and grace-activated gifts.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Paul mean by “think of yourself with sober judgment”?
2. Why do you think Paul connects humility to identity?
3. What happens when pride or insecurity distort how we see ourselves?
4. Paul uses the image of the body to describe the church.
 - a. What does this metaphor teach us about belonging and purpose?
 - b. How does understanding your spiritual gifts help you live out your identity in Christ?
5. What does it mean that our gifts “differ according to the grace given to us”?
 - a. How does that truth free us from comparison?
 - b. How does community help us discover and strengthen our identity in Christ?

Apply

- Where have you been living by the world's script instead of God's?
- What truth about your identity in Christ do you need to embrace this week?
- How can you use your gifts to strengthen the body and reflect God's grace?