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⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.
¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

ROMANS 12

#1.

GENUINE LOVE GOES BEYOND SELF-INTEREST

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ROMANS 12

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

PHILIPPIANS 2

#2. GENUINE LOVE GOES BEYOND SOCIALISING

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ROMANS 12

⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 JOHN 1

#3. GENUINE LOVE GOES BEYOND SEGREGATION

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² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

JAMES 2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Can you share about someone in this CG who has shown you sincere love? What is one way you can show selfless love to someone here this week?**
- 2. What must we do to safeguard the CG from becoming just a social gathering rather than a spiritual fellowship? What do we need to do differently?**
- 3. What kind of people do you find hard to connect with? How can you be more inclusive of people from different backgrounds or life stages?**