

Be Zealous
Romans 12:11
November 27, 2016

1. If you could be a spectator at your own funeral, what would you want your friends, neighbors and family members to say about your life? Does your current lifestyle support this desire?
2. The third commandment of love found in Romans 12 is: *“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”* Why is it that we are often only motivated to help others when it benefits us? What does it look like to be zealous in our love for one another?
3. How does the Good Samaritan model zeal in his love? (See Luke 10:25-37).
4. Being zealous also means keeping your spiritual fervor. Pastor Tom mentioned that if we are encouraged to keep our spiritual fervor, that means it is possible to lose it. What are some things that may cause us to lose our spiritual fervor or to be indifferent towards God? What do you think are the most important disciplines needed in order to keep our spiritual fervor? Why?
5. Pastor Tom mentioned that serving the Lord and loving others is directly connected. How is it that you love God when you serve others? Have you ever done something for someone else reluctantly and only afterwards realized the joy and satisfaction that comes from helping others? What did you learn from this experience?
6. Why must we continually draw on Christ’s love for us in order to love others well?
7. Take time to pray with your group. Ask God to fill you with zeal in order to love others well this week. Take time to also reflect of activities that you are currently involved in that may be diminishing your fervor for God. Repent of these activities and replace them with God-honoring practices.