

## *Sermon Notes*

### *City on a Hill: Romans 12*

“The Call to Live Differently”– Romans 12:15-16

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Being different.

1. Some people want to be different.
2. Some do not want to be different at all.

##### B. Text: Romans 12:15-16

#### II. Exposition

##### A. “Rejoice with those who rejoice,” vs. 14.

1. Easy or hard?
  - a. God warns us on rejoicing over someone else’s calamity.  
Proverbs 17:5
2. Examples of why we do not do what Paul commands.
3. Paul wrote to Corinth in I Cor. 12:26 & II Cor. 2:3.

##### B. “Weep with those who weep.”

1. Compassion carries the idea of suffering with someone.
2. Note Job’s friends’ approach in Job 2:11-13.

##### C. Verse 16.

1. Recited by Paul in the same letter – Romans 15:5

2. James also: James 2:1-4

3. Leadership training for Timothy: I Timothy 5:21

4. Impartial in regards to:

Money

Possessions

Status in the community

Status in the church

Gifts

Dress

Summed up in people

5. “Haughty in mind”

a. MacArthur

b. Jesus – Luke 14:12-14

6. “Wise in your own estimation”

a. Originates in our own prideful dispositions.

b. Martin Luther

c. Scripture regarding the opposite of a haughty mind.

Ephesians 4:3; Philippians 2:2

#### III. Points for Reflection

A. Revel in the prosperity of your brethren.

B. Think of meaningful ways to identifying with brethren who are in despair.

C. Your views may be of value but they are not absolute.