

Sermon Title: HTC24: Raise Up Mature Disciples

Scripture: Romans 12

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- 1. Who is the most "mature" person you know? What defines their maturity?
- 2. Outside of someone in the Bible, who has been the greatest Christian example for you? Why?
- 3. Romans 12:9-21 is titled "Marks of the True Christian" in the ESV Bible. Let's read this together.
- 4. As you read Romans 12:9-21, what recurring themes do you recognize? Are there any common characteristics or attributes?
- 5. How does Romans 12:9-21's definition of a true/mature Christian compare to yours? Based on this passage, how would you describe yourself?
- 6. Is there an area you need to mature most? [Following the answer] Does anyone have any suggestions for books, practices, or training that can help? What has helped you grow in this area? [Leader's Note: take time to allow each person to share and others to offer support/encouragement]
- 7. We will often use others as a benchmark for our maturity. We will look to those who are so far ahead of us we could never get there or look to others who are less mature and remain comfortable where we are. How do the instructions of Romans 12:1-2 reset how we measure maturity?
- 8. Consistent Bible reading, prayer, and Christian community have been disciplines that God has used to mature people. Have you been able to engage in our Bible reading plan, 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting, or Wednesdays at HTC? If so, what has been most impactful to you? If not, can we help you join in?
- 9. As a church, we are praying Ephesians 6:18 for one another and 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 for our church. Let's take time to pray together.