

## 4 for 2024

*Background for the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>.*

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

### **Series Overview**

In Romans 12 we find the apostle Paul begin a transition from reminding this upstart church about the doctrine of Christ and the faith, to challenging them about the implications of what this looks like in practice. In 4 for 2024 we're walking through Romans 12 together and looking at 4 everyday decisions that could change the whole trajectory of your year. In v.9-13 our attention is shifted from gifting that we each bring to the love that binds us together as one church. Paul's exhortation displays what true and radical love can look like and the ways that stands out in a broken world. Keep in mind, in this passage all of these exhortations are given to us to be applied within the context of the church. Think of them as household guidelines

### **Romans 12:9-13**

*Insights and questions to engage with the text:*

1. Paul urges us to be devoted to one another in love. When you think of people in your life who have displayed that, who first comes to mind? What was it about their life that most exemplified this idea of devotion?
2. When you think of that spiritual fervor that's mentioned in v.11, what most challenges you from living that out in this season of your life?
3. When you think about the specific applications in this section of Scripture (v.9-13), which do you find most challenging? Which one do you want to be more diligent to apply in 2024? How can we help each other to remain diligent to live this out together?