



Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:9-10 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Conversation Starters

1. Talk for a bit as a group about all the different arenas of life where we keep score. Have you ever noticed how much we do this as a society? Why do you think we do it?
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2. What are some instances of relatively normal scorekeeping in relationships or marriage? What are some examples of toxic scorekeeping?
3. Why is toxic scorekeeping so unhealthy for marriages? What are some reasons why we don’t just use scorekeeping as a way to keep our relationships “even?”
4. Which of Alice’s 5 “reasons why toxic scorekeeping is unhealthy” do you relate to the most? Why?
 - Selfish
 - Conflict,
 - Overgeneralization
 - Resentment
 - Everyone has a different scorecard.
5. Talk a bit about each of the three application points in this teaching: Which of these do you currently do pretty well? Which do you need to work on?
 - Choosing We over Me
 - Being first in putting the other person first
 - Sacrificing for the other
6. Psalm 130:3 If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? God is not a scorekeeper with you because of Jesus Christ? Do you believe that? Why or why not?
7. What might change in your life and heart if you believed God has ripped up your scorecard?