Bridges COMMUNITY CHURCH

Speaker: Pastor Dan Stockum

Date: May 24, 2026 **Message:** Deepening Our Connections

Series: Romans **Scripture:** Romans 12

Three Steps Toward Belonging:

1)

2)

3)

How each of these connects to the Gospel:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Romans 12

1. Of the 3 steps toward belonging (rely on others, elevate and empathize, and repay curses with blessings), which is most natural for you? Most difficult? Why?

2. Think through your various relationships. Which step is most prominent among them? Most needed?

3. Which one of your relationships could benefit from one of these steps the most?

4. When has relying on someone deepened your relationship with that person?

5. Do any of your relationships reflect the 5 positive interactions to every 1 negative interaction ratio? What might change if it did?

6. What can hold us back from empathizing with others (think of both rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep)? What is lost when we hold back?

7. Think of a recent situation where someone was celebrating something good. Did you genuinely rejoice with them? Why or why not? What about when someone was weeping?

8. Have you seen curses repaid with blessings? What happened?

9. Who around you might currently feel unseen, disconnected, or lonely? What would it look like to move toward them this week?