



Romans 12:9-21

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, December 14

Sunday, December 17

Introduction

Isaiah 9:6 NASB

⁶For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

notes

Romans 12:9-21 NASB

⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

Peace starts in the family.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

We are called to be peacemakers (Matt. 5:9)

Being offended is inevitable; living offended is a choice.

Sympathize/Harmonize.

Our allegiance to God should not alienate us from the world. (Luke 2:52)

Horizontal lines for taking notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Missing Peace: Relationships
December 14 & 17

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your favorite Christmas carol?

Read aloud: Read Romans 12:9-21

1. "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." Which of these commands do you excel at? Which ones do you struggle with?
2. Being offended is inevitable, but living offended is a choice. How would your relationships change if you more quickly let go of the offenses you experience? Read Ephesians 4:2. What would making allowances for the faults of others look like?
3. Romans 12:1 "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." How does viewing God's mercy change how we treat our enemies?
4. "Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God," What opportunities do we miss when we take judgment into our own hands? Who in my life do I need to show goodness?