

# CENTERGROVE CHURCH

*Scriptures for further study*

1 Corinthians 10:31 | John 3:16-17 | Proverbs 25:21-22 | Leviticus 19:18

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Romans 12: 16-21

*"Bold love defeats evil by refusing to use evil and instead answers it with the good authentic love gives."*  
-Dr. Steve Corts

1. How has someone recently shown you that they love you? What did they do?
2. Peruse verses 16-21. Make a list of the following:
  - a. Things to do:
  - b. Things not to do:
  - c. Attitudes of the heart:
3. In verses 17-19, non-believers seem to be in view. Paul gives us a description here of what bold love looks like when life is made harder by people who in their own twistedness do us harm. How would you re-state verse 17 in your own words? Why do you think Scripture reminds us that "good" ends do not justify evil means?
4. What do you think verse 18 teaches us about personal responsibility and our inability to control other people? Why is peace a fitting characteristic for a Christian to be known for?
5. How does Paul's exhortation for us to treat our enemies with kindness demonstrate the "upside-down" nature of the gospel and the kingdom of God? In what ways does this offer an alternative to the way the world thinks about justice and personal vindication?
6. How does verse 21 reiterate verse 17, while also expanding it? How do you see the command of verse 21 as an expression of gospel consistency?
7. Responding with bold love toward those who mistreat us rather than with judgement requires us to have experienced grace and mercy. How are you currently experiencing the grace of God in your life?
8. What barriers keep you from experiencing God's grace? Why do you think Christian community is essential for us to see clearly and think strategically?