



Discussion Guide

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Romans 12:9-21

⁹ 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. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Read Romans 12:9-13

1. How do Paul's instructions in this section help define what sincere love looks like in action?
2. Which of these actions do you find most natural or easy to live out? Which are more difficult for you?
3. What are some practical ways you can live out these verses in your day-to-day life?

Read Romans 12:14-21

4. How do these verses challenge the way most people (even Christians) tend to respond to enemies or conflict?
5. What does it mean to leave room for God's wrath? How does this help us forgive others?
6. What do you think it looks like to overcome evil with good in today's world?
7. When have you experienced somebody else truly forgiving you? How did that impact you? When have you had the opportunity to forgive others in a similar way?