### **CONNECT QUESTIONS**

- 1) Thinking about this week, what is something you are thankful for or something you would like prayer for?
- 2) Read Matthew 5:38-42 and Romans 12:17-21, and reflect on the sermon from Sunday. What stands out to you?
- 3) "Turning the other cheek" neither submits nor retaliates to violence. Martin Luther King Jr. said non-violent resistance "is rather a courageous confrontation of evil by the power of love." How does this help you understand Jesus' words?
- 4) How have you seen the danger of revenge and retaliatory violence in your life and in our world?
- 5) How have you seen good overcome evil?
- 6) Jesus embodied this practice through the cross: dying for and forgiving even those that murdered Him. Who are you called to love like that today?
- 7) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

#### **Memory Passage**

Do not be overcome by evil, But overcome evil with good.

— Romans 12:21 (NIV)

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# - August 18, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Call to Worship Maribel Ruiz

Songs of Praise "Build Your Kingdom Here"

"We Believe"

"Build Our Lives"

Prayer Ashley Schiada

Announcements Felisha Caldeira

Sermon Pastor Travis

Slaps, Revenge, and Overcoming Evil

Songs of Praise "Battle Belongs"

"Benediction Song"

**Benediction** 

## Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. <sup>40</sup> And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

### Romans 12:17-21 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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."

### **Notes:**

Slaps, Revenge, and Overcoming Evil


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.