



Hillside Church of Marin - Small Group Discussion Guide

Part 6: "Love That Overcomes"; from [Romans 12:9-21](#); on 04/28/24

Main Point: Christians overcome evil with good by following the example of Christ's love for us.

Getting Started

1. What jumped out to you about this week's talk? Why?

Read [Romans 12:9-21](#). Discuss:

2. What words or phrases stand out to you in this passage? Why?
3. Look at v17-18. What does it look like to "repay evil for evil"? Can anyone think of modern-day examples?
4. What two qualifiers does Paul include before exhorting us to "live at peace with everyone?" How can we experience peace internally when we have sought reconciliation with someone else to no avail?
5. Look at v19-21. Do you find these verses beautiful and appealing, or painful and upsetting? Why?
6. What are the specific ways that our passage says we can love the most difficult people in our lives?
7. Have you ever done any of these things actively? What happened?
8. Do you have a story of *receiving* this kind of undeserved love, though you were in the wrong?
9. Think of every way you can that Christ demonstrated love for his enemies with his life and teaching.
10. Read Colossians 1:21-22, and Romans 5:10. What do you notice in these verses? How does this affect how we love those who are difficult in our lives?
11. Why should we love our enemies? What is our hope in doing this?
12. Are Christians known for loving their enemies? Can you think of examples of when believers have loved their enemies in recent history?

Application

13. Do you have a difficult situation that we can pray for you? (*Avoid gossip and naming names*)
14. What is one area of your life where you can be a better example of loving your enemies? What is one thing you can do to begin loving in that situation?

Prayer

15. Pray for each other, for the things mentioned today in the conversation.