

Confronting Violence

Key Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- 1) What was your first pet? What is something positive you remember about it?
- 2) What was a significant loss you experienced as a child?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- 1) Read Romans 12:9-21
- 2) How might Rome in the days of Paul and the United States today be similar and different?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- 4) Paul is facing execution and yet he provides this list to Jesus followers on what to be and do after he dies. What might you include on such a list for your family?
- 5) What attributes on this list remind you of Jesus? How?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- 6) What trait on this list comes naturally to you? Which one is hard?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

“Heavenly Father, I thank You for all the mercies You have bestowed on me. I thank You for the forgiveness of my sins and for the gift of eternal life You have given me in Your Son Jesus Christ. I thank You that He gave Himself for me, so that I might give myself to You.

I now present to You, all I am and all I have, as a living sacrifice to You. It’s my logical response to Your love for me. It’s my spiritual act of worship to You. Transform me as a person by renewing my mind by Your Spirit, so that I think the way You want me to think about everything, especially about You and about Your will.

Give me discernment by Your Spirit, as I seek to put Your will into practice in my everyday life. Enable me to recognize Your will, and discover as I seek to do it, that it truly is good, acceptable and perfect.

I ask these things so that You may be honored and glorified, in and through my life, in Jesus’ name I pray. AMEN.”

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

- *Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.*
- Spiritual Velocity:
 - What have you been hearing from God through Sunday's message, this week's LIFEGroup study, and/or this week's Life Journal scripture readings?
 - What's an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- God Space:
 - How's your 3-2-1 challenge is going? Share about connections you're building and spiritual conversations you're having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
- Prayer:
 - Pray for non-believers in your lives by name:
_____.
 - Pray for each other.