

Gospel Relationships - Romans 12:9-21

Note: you'll need to print out copies of the passage on page 2 for your group.

Pray for our mission partners and your time in the word

Notice

1. With a partner, look back over 12:1-8 and summarise what we've seen so far
2. Read 12:9-21
On your own, use the printout and mark...
 - a. Anything that stands out to you
 - b. key words or connections you notice
 - c. any questions you have

Share them with your **neighbour**.

Clarify

Re-read verses 9-16.

3. What stood out to you most in this section?
4. With a **partner** take **1-2 verses** each and consider:
 - a. Which command hits home the most?
 - b. When have you seen it done well?
 - c. What in the human heart makes it difficult?
 - d. How does the gospel speak to this?
5. Share some of your reflections with the group

Re-read verses 17-21

6. With a partner discuss
 - a. What is this passage asking us to do?
 - b. Why is it hard?
 - c. Why is it good and right?

Respond

7. What's one thing you feel convicted to grow in based on this passage?
8. What might it look like this week?
[make a note of these things and share next week how you went]
THINK, PAIR, SHARE.

Pray in your pairs

12:9 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.