

Jesus-Centered Family on Mission

Week 6: Overcoming Evil

Primary Passage: Romans 12:17-21

Related Passages: Matthew 5:23-25, 18:15-17

“Learning how to love your neighbor requires a willingness to draw on the strength of Jesus Christ as you die to self and live for Him. Living in this manner allows you to practice biblical love for others in spite of adverse circumstances or your feelings to the contrary.”

- John C. Broger

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read and Recap: Have someone read Romans 12:17-21 and recap the highlights from this week’s sermon.

Reread Romans 12:21. To assess the health of our group and fight for our long-term health, fill out the chart individually and then discuss as a group. (LG leaders - this chart serves as a mini-covenant assessment. Feel free to check back in with your covenant.)

Area	Strength or Weakness? (Rate it 1-10)	How are we most likely to be overcome by evil in this area?	What next step do we need to take to continue growing?
Jesus-Centered: Do we speak the gospel to each other or advice? How free are we to confess our sin and point to Jesus as our righteousness?			
Family: Are we committed to being involved in each other’s lives? Do we mourn and rejoice with each other?			
On Mission: Are we regularly building relationship with, praying for and inviting in our non-believing friends and neighbors?			

Reread Romans 12:17 and 19. What sort of “evil” do you encounter in your everyday relationships (ex: jealousy, insults, neglect, anger...)? How do you typically respond to the “evil” that you encounter (Consider internal and external responses.)?

- According to v. 19, we have hope that our sins and the sins committed against us will be taken care of by God Himself. How does this truth free us up in how we respond to evil and sin committed against us?

Reread Romans 12:19-20. What does “living peaceably with all” look like for you? In what ways do vs. 17-21 affirm or combat your idea of living peaceably with all?

Application: Reread Romans 12:18. In light of the call to “live peaceably with all”, take some time to encourage one another, confess any relational sin within the group, and resolve any lingering conflicts.

Pray for God’s Spirit to equip us as Jesus-centered family on mission for the long haul.