

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:12

“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

Read Romans 12:14-21

Study Questions:

1. How does God’s word found in these verses go against the world view towards evil?

In this world, we seek revenge and justice. In God’s word He demands we live in peace and allow justice to be His alone. This is foreign to our thinking but it reminds us all the more that this world is not our home. We are here for a reason, to proclaim Christ and bring glory to God. We do that by living a holy (set apart) life.

2. Do you find it difficult to bless people that are constantly attacking you?

Allow individuals to express their struggles. I know for me, I still get angry, feel the hair on the back of my neck raise when threatened, yet I know that is not God’s plan.

3. Why do you think God calls us to peace rather than revenge?

The world will know Christ by our love, not our revenge. If we behave in the same way the world behaves, we are not shining a light but rather blending in with the crowd.

4. What is the goal of seeking reconciliation with your enemy?

We should live a life of brokenness for lost people. Our goal should be to restore our enemy and lead him to the Lord. We cannot do that by force, only by love.

5. Looking again at verse 21, explain in your own words what you think this verse means? How can you be overcome by evil?

I think when we allow evil to make us respond in evil we have lost and the enemy of this world has won. We are no longer identifying our selves with the love of Christ but with the evil of this world. When that happens, we have been overcome by evil. On the other hand we can overcome evil of this world by clinging to the Christ and doing good in His name no matter what.

Daily Reading Schedule

- Day 1 Matthew 5:1-12
- Day 2 Matthew 5:13-16
- Day 3 Matthew 5:38-48
- Day 4 Luke 6:27-36
- Day 5 1 Peter 3:8-22