

Living Connections Bible Study



The Gospel in Shoe Leather, Part 2

Prayer

Text: Romans 12:14-21

Icebreaker: Share an experience when you used kindness and a soft answer rather than responding in anger and harshness.

1. What similar instructions do we find in verses 14, 17, 19 and 21?

2. **What supernatural response are we to have toward those who mistreat and malign us? Verse 14**
Luke 6:27-28; Matthew 5:43-44; James 3:6-8; Proverbs 15:1-2; 26:4

3. **What happens in the family of God when we enter into each other's joys and sorrows? Verse 15**

4. **What does it mean for Christians to be of the same mind toward one another? Verse 16a**
Philippians 1:27; 2:2-8

5. **What does Paul mean, *not to set our minds on high things but to associate with the humble*?**
Verse 16b; James 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:26-30; Ephesians 1:6

6. **Rather than trying to get even what should our goal be toward those who want to hurt us?**
Verse 17; James 1:20; Colossians 3:12-13; Proverbs 22:1

7. **Is it possible to be reconciled and make peace with everyone? If not, then what is our responsibility? Verse 18**

8. Does this exhortation to peace justify compromise to conform to the world's way of thinking? Romans 12:2; Matthew 10:34-36; Romans 8:36

9. Who alone has the right to vengeance and why? Verse 19
Deuteronomy 32:35; James 1:20

10. What wisdom does God give us for making friends of sinners and to influence our enemies in a positive way for Christ? Verses 20-21; Luke 14:21; Acts 9:5

Think about it this week:

*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 [when Jesus comes].*

1 Peter 2:12 NIV