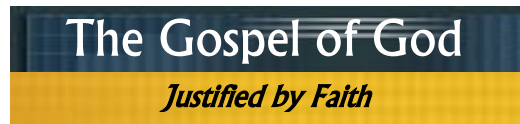


Living Connections Bible Study



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