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Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 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.

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."**

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Questions for Discussion

1. Have you ever watched a television show like The People's Court? Did you find yourself siding with the judge, the plaintiff, or the defendant? Why do you think that was?
2. Have you ever had to settle a dispute? Was that easy or hard for you? How did fairness play into that situation?
3. In today's scripture reading, Paul tells us that Christians are supposed avoid repaying evil for evil. Can you think of a time when you were able to repay evil with good? What did that look like?
4. Who is someone who might consider themselves to be in conflict with you that you could show grace toward this week? What could that look like?
5. What is a "next step" you can take toward overcoming evil with good this week? Who is someone who could keep you accountable toward taking that next step?

As you close your time together, have each person share a word that represents a next step that God is asking them to take this week and lift those words up to God during a time of prayer.