

## REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

### **Read Romans 12:9-21**

- In what situations do you most often find your feelings dictating your actions?
- Which one of the four characteristics of un-hypocritical love is most challenging for you? Which one comes most naturally?
- How do you typically handle conflict/enemies? How does this passage challenge or confirm your actions?
- Why do so many people slip into the card, casserole, and cliché mentality?
- How has this passage changed the way you think about your relationships to believers and nonbelievers?
- How has the passage changed the way you view God?
- How has the passage changed the way you view your church?
- Is there someone in your past or present who has done you evil? What wrong responses are you tempted to?
- What would it look like for you to overcome evil with good in that specific situation?
- NOTE: If you have been wronged or are struggling with a difficult issue please do not hesitate to seek wise Christian counseling about how to deal with the situation



### **What's Happening at Wave Church SD?**

#### **Stay Connected Online, Subscribe to Wave's Podcast**

Let's be honest, our lives are busy! Jobs, kids, & responsibilities often take us away from our spiritual family at Wave. Just because you can't be at Wave on Sunday, does not mean you have to miss out on connecting to Jesus and His Church! Stay connected to Wave & Listen to Wave Sermons online! Visit the iTunes store and search for Wave Church SD

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#### **Wave is on The Bible App**

Download and open the Bible App on any smartphone. Click "More" on the bottom of your screen. Click "Events" then click Wave Church SD! Here you will find this morning's Sermon outline, links to up coming events, and more!

#### **Wave Women's Retreat Save the Date ~ Sept. 23-25**

Wave Women! We are so excited to offer our 2nd annual Women's Retreat! We are headed to Murrieta Hot Springs Conference Center for two nights. We will have a special guest speaker, Stefanie Kelly, to encourage and lead us in worship. Please Save the Date on your Calendars! Registration is open. Cost: \$200

**New Relationships To Believers & Enemies  
Romans 12:9-21**

**WHEN OUR FEELINGS DICTATE OUR ACTIONS  
DYSFUNCTION ENSUES.**

**Romans 12:9** *Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.*

**THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS MARKED BY LOVE, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH.**

**OUR RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER BELIEVERS**

**Romans 12:10-16 (NIV)** *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

*14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

**FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF UN-HYPOCRITICAL LOVE**

- IT IS DOGGEDLY COMMITED
- IT PUTS OTHERS FIRST
- IT IS PATIENT
- IT COMBINES SENTIMENT WITH ACTION

**LOVE, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH ARE TO BE OFFERED TO BOTH BELIEVER AND ENEMY.**

**OUR RELATIONSHIP TO NON-BELIEVERS**

**ROMANS 12:17-21** *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 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. 20 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." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good*

**WHO IS THE ENEMY? ALL WHO OPPOSE JESUS THE KING.**

**THREE KEYS TO OVERCOMING EVIL**

- DO NOT AVOID
- EXPRESS LOVE IN WORDS AND ACTIONS
- FORGIVE AND FOREGO REPAYMENT

**WHEN WE REMOVE THE GOSPEL FROM THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, WE TURN TO CARDS, CASSEROLES, AND CLICHES.**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**CONNECT: Practice Hospitality** ~ *Invite someone over for dinner. Take someone out to lunch. Invite out of town family to stay for the weekend.*

**GROW: Listen** ~ *Begin journaling and reflecting on the truths of the gospel. What do you need to hear from God about your identity?*

**SERVE: Outdo One Another** ~ *Are there needs in your neighborhood/family you can meet? Join a serve team at Wave.*