

Small Group Discussion Guide

VOL 4: Part 27: Overcome Evil with Good

BIG Idea: Christ calls us not to curse, withdraw, or seek revenge, but to bless our enemies, trust God with justice, and overcome evil with good.

Application: When hostility rises against us, our response must reflect Christ: blessing instead of cursing, love instead of vengeance, and faith instead of fear.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What's the worst piece of bad advice you've ever heard about dealing with difficult people?

1. Romans 12:14 tells us to "bless those who persecute you." What does blessing practically look like in real life?
2. Why is it often easier to withdraw and do nothing rather than respond to hostility with Christlike love?
3. Read Philippians 1:29 and 2 Timothy 3:12. How do these verses reshape our expectations about persecution?
4. Paul commands us not to repay evil for evil (Romans 12:17–18). What are some examples where Christians have failed—and succeeded—in doing this?
5. Proverbs 25:21–22 says feeding your enemy is like heaping burning coals on their head. How does this image challenge our instincts for revenge?
6. Jesus' words in Luke 23:34 and Stephen's prayer in Acts 7:60 model forgiveness. What do these examples teach us about entrusting vengeance to God?
7. Romans 12:21 says to "overcome evil with good." How is doing good to our enemies not weakness, but spiritual warfare?
8. What kinds of divisions (school, politics, social media, family) most tempt you to retaliate or curse? How can unity in the church counteract these?
9. Which of the three responses (anger, withdrawal, Christlike love) are you most tempted toward—and why?
10. How can we support one another in actually practicing these truths this week?

Prayer Prompt: Pray together that God would give your group courage to bless instead of curse, faith to entrust justice to Him, and unity to reflect Christ's love in a divided world.

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