

Conquering Evil with Good

Bulletin Outline

Evil is real and Satan is working. (*2 Corinthians 4:1-3, John 15:18-19*)

God's promise and warning to us as a country: humble ourselves before Him and be blessed, or turn from Him and be ruined. (*2 Chronicles 7:14, 19-22*)

We should return evil with good. (*Romans 12:17-21, Luke 23:33-34*)

We should speak with boldness and gentleness. (*2 Timothy 2:24-26*)

We should pray for:

1. Leaders (*1 Kings 3:9, Jeremiah 29:7, Psalm 72:2, Psalm 2:10-11, Romans 10:2*)
2. Christian Witness (*Philippians 1:27, 1 Peter 3:15, John 12:34-35, Matthew 5:44, Hebrews 2:1, Revelation 3:15-16, John 17:21*)
3. Those Far From Christ (*Ezekiel 36:26, Matthew 5:16, John 16:8, Colossians 4:3-4, John 6:44*)

1 Corinthians 15:51-56

Small Group Discussion Questions

Was there anything from the sermon that you found encouraging, challenging, or thought-provoking this week?

When tragedies or acts of evil hit close to home, what thoughts or emotions rise up in you most strongly? How do passages like 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 help you make sense of what is happening?

Jesus said the world would not only disagree with His followers but actually hate them (John 15:18-19). How do you see this reality showing up in our culture, and how does it affect the way you live out your faith?

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God promises blessing when His people humble themselves, pray, and turn from evil. What would it look like for Christians today to take that seriously—not just nationally but personally?

Romans 12:17-21 calls us not to repay evil for evil but to overcome evil with good. Why is it so natural to want revenge or to “fight fire with fire”? Where do you feel that temptation in your own life?

Jesus prayed “Father, forgive them” even as He was being crucified (Luke 23:33-34). How does His response to evil shape the way we should respond to those who hurt us or oppose us?

2 Timothy 2:24-25 describes the Lord’s servant as gentle, patient, and willing to instruct. How can we hold together both boldness and gentleness in conversations with people who disagree with us?

Who are some of the people in your life who “bow the knee” to false idols—whether political power, wealth, or self-image? How could you move from complaining about them to engaging them with gospel hope?

Paul urged the church to pray for leaders and for all people to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:1-4). How can prayer re-shape the way we view politics, authority, and those far from Christ?

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 points us to the hope that death will one day be swallowed up in victory. How does keeping that future hope before us give strength to keep trusting Jesus and to keep doing good even when evil feels overwhelming?