

Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Mark Your Observations

Record Observations & Questions

Repeated Alike Different Accentuated Related Think Context!

Romans 12:9-21

- 9 Let love be genuine.
 Abhor what is evil;
 hold fast to what is good.
- 10 Love one another with brotherly affection.
 Outdo one another in showing honor.
- 11 Do not be slothful in zeal,
 be fervent in spirit,
 serve the Lord.
- 12 Rejoice in hope,
 be patient in tribulation,
 be constant in prayer.
- 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints
 and seek to show hospitality.
- 14 Bless those who persecute you;
 bless and do not curse them.
- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice,
 weep with those who weep.
- 16 Live in harmony with one another.
 Do not be haughty,
 but associate with the lowly.
 Never be wise in your own sight.
- 17 Repay no one evil for evil,
 but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
- 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you,
 live peaceably with all.
- 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
 but leave it to the wrath of God,
 for it is written,
 "Vengeance is mine,
 I will repay, says the Lord."
- 20 To the contrary,
 "if your enemy is hungry, feed him;
 if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;
 for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil,
 but overcome evil with good. (ESV)

Review

The mercies of God motivate our consecration, which results in transformation, leading to doing the will of God particularly in humble service within the body of Christ.

Introduction

What would it take for our church to be known as a loving church?



Romans 12:9-13

What is the difference between “hypocritical love” and “real love”?



Why do love and good need to go together?

How do we make sure that what we love is good?

Summary

Love is not passive but active

Love is not satisfied when others suffer

Implication

Active, giving, other-centered love must be the norm of our lives if we are to be the community of believers God intends us to be.

Interaction / Application



On a scale of 1-6 (one being very limited and six being almost saintly) how would you rate your love?

Overall loving attitude and actions? 1 2 3 4 5 6

Love for your spouse and family? 1 2 3 4 5 6

Putting the needs of your spouse first? 1 2 3 4 5 6

Love for other believers? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How generous are you? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How broken is your heart when you see someone in physical need? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How broken is your heart when you see someone in financial need? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How broken is your heart when you see someone in spiritual need? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How do you demonstrate your love (concretely and tangible)?

What does your calendar (your time) reflect about how important building healthy relationships are to you?

Action Plan: What will it take for you to move one number in the positive direction? Write down at least one or two action steps.

Romans 12:14-16

Interaction / Application



Talk about it

On a scale of 1-6 (one being very limited and six being almost saintly) how would you rate yourself toward those who don't like you?

Overall attitude and actions toward antagonists? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How do you demonstrate your love (concretely and tangible) to those who are against you?

How would you rate your instinctive response toward those who are being blessed? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How would you rate your instinctive response toward those who are rejoicing, when you are struggling?
1 2 3 4 5 6

Who are you more likely to desire to befriend, those in plenty or those in want? Why do you think this is true?

Action Plan: What will it take for you to move one number in the positive direction? Write down at least one or two action steps.

Romans 12:17-21

Interaction / Application



Talk about it

On a scale of 1-6 (one being very limited and six being almost saintly):

Would people say you're a peacemaker? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How likely are you, to repay someone's "evil" toward you? 1 2 3 4 5 6

How content are you to leave difficult situations in God's hands? 1 2 3 4 5 6

Action Plan: What will it take for you to move one number in the positive direction? Write down at least one or two action steps.

Implication

How can this class help each of us develop more meaningful, healthy relationships that enable us to minister to and be ministered to, by each other?



Act on it

Based on the interactive questions and your action plan items, find an individual whom you trust, ask them to check up on you once every week for the next month.