

## 1. *Believers Together: Discovering the Word – October 19, 2022*

# Love—Romans 12:9–21

Topics:

Conflict, Enemies, Forgiveness, Life, Love, Revenge

### Open It

1. What advice would you give to someone who wanted some practical wisdom on how to get along with others?

Romans 12:9–21 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

<sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

<sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

<sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

<sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

<sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

<sup>19</sup>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.”

<sup>20</sup>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.”

<sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### Explore It

2. What should we hate? (12:9)
3. What is genuine love like? (12:9, 13, 18–21)
4. What attitudes should we strive to have? (12:9–16)
5. In what ways ought we to treat others as more important than ourselves? (12:10, 13, 16, 20)
6. What instructions does God want us to observe in our relationships? (12:10, 13–21)
7. With whom does God want us to live at peace? (12:18)
8. What is the purpose of showing kindness to an enemy? (12:20)

### Get It

9. How can a Christian learn to love others as God loves them?
10. In what ways is Christian love more than emotion?
11. Why should we be joyful when we are suffering?

### Apply It

12. Whom do you need to love and bless this week even though he or she hurts you?