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Week 2: Devotional Guide

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE - ROMANS 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

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

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 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. 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."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. — *Romans 12:9-21*

CONNECT

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What is causing you stress this week?
- As a group, how can we help?



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REFLECT

- What is one thing that encouraged and challenged you from the weekend message?
- What has God been teaching you this week from The Most Excellent Way series daily devotions?
- Have someone retell the Scripture from the previous meeting.
- How did you live out your response and/or share the Scripture this past week?

DISCOVER

- Together read this week's Scripture two times out loud. (Use two different translations or versions, if possible.)
- Encourage someone to retell the passage in their own words, with others filling in anything missing.

DISCUSS

- What does this Scripture say about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or His Plan?
- What does this Scripture say about people in general?
- What action do I need to take as a result of reading this Scripture? (think *costly obedience*)
- Who in your life needs to hear this story/Scripture?

PRAY

- Take prayer requests and pray together