

Christ Community Community Group Guide

Series/ Week: Uncommon Courage Romans 12:21

Connect:

Have each person share where they are today on a scale of 1-10 in the three following areas: Spiritually, relationally, emotionally

Reflect:

Personally, in your life, when have you felt tempted to be overcome by evil?

Read: Romans 12:21

Study:

1. “Don’t let what was done to you determine who you become.”

Can you think of a time when someone’s actions tempted you to respond in a way that didn't reflect Christ? What made that response difficult?

2. What does it look like practically to “overcome evil with good”?

How is this different from simply ignoring someone's wrongdoing or pretending that what happened didn't hurt?

3. Jesus calls us to “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you.”

Which of those responses is hardest for you personally, and why?

4. Romans 12:19 says, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.

Why is it so difficult for us to trust God with justice and the outcome? What happens inside of us when we try to take that responsibility back from God?

5. The sermon says, “When I'm anchored to Christ, I don't have to control the outcome.”

Where in your life right now do you need to surrender the outcome to God and allow Christ to determine how you respond?

Apply:

1. This week, identify one person or situation where you have been tempted to respond to hurt, anger, or injustice with retaliation, bitterness, or resentment. Instead of asking, "How can I get even?" ask, "What would it look like to overcome this with good?"
2. Then commit to doing **one specific Christlike action**—whether that's praying for the person, refusing to speak negatively about them, forgiving them, showing kindness, having a gracious conversation, or simply surrendering the situation to God.
3. The goal isn't to pretend the hurt didn't happen. **The goal is to refuse to let someone else's actions determine who you become.**

What is the Holy Spirit convicting, encouraging, and affirming in you right now?