

CONNECT Group study questions for Oct. 14, 2018
Title: “Radical Love (Part 2)”

Read Romans 12:14-21.

1. In verses 14, 17, and 19 Paul asserts that radical love refuses to seek revenge.
 - Why do you think Paul comes back to this over and over?
 - How does refusing to seek revenge make us more like Jesus?
 - How does refusing to seek revenge proclaim the gospel to others?
 - What are some practical ways we can train our hearts to loath revenge and seek the good of others, even those who hurt us?

2. In verses 15 and 16 Paul asserts that radical love refuses envy, practices empathy, lives in harmony with others, and pursues peace.
 - Why is envy the enemy of love? Give some practical examples.
 - How is empathy the result of love? Give some practical examples.
 - How are harmony and peace the result of love? Give some practical examples.

3. In verses 20 and 21 Paul asserts that radical love refuses to capitulate to worldly standards and overcomes evil with good.
 - Why must genuine love always refuse to capitulate to worldly standards?
 - Where in the Scripture does Jesus exhibit his love for us in these ways?
 - How can we best emulate these traits? Be practical and specific.

4. It is easy to look at all of Romans 12, throw up our hands, and say, “I can’t do this. Radical love is too hard and it won’t work!” Peppy reminded us that to live a life of radical love will take two things: confidence and trust in God and the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - How do we grow in our confidence and trust in God?
 - How do we become ever more submitted to the leadership of the Holy Spirit?Be as practical as you can in your answers.