

ADDITIONAL SELF STUDY *(Optional Personal Reflection Questions)*

READ Psalm 34. Read and reflect upon the whole chapter. What stands out to about how David found peace in his troubled times? (*Pay attention to the text note before the Psalm begins.*) What is the challenge you receive from vs. 8-14 about overcoming evil in this world?

MY WEEKLY PRAYER PAGE *(Personal & Group Prayer Requests)*

WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

Christ's Call for us in our lives is to engage with Him regularly through prayer and reading scripture. The READ SCRIPTURE app has a reading plan to take you through the bible in a year. Here is this weeks plan:

November 7: 2 Corinthians 5-6 | Psalm 1
 November 8: 2 Corinthians 7-8 | Psalm 2
 November 9: 2 Corinthians 9-10 | Psalm 3
 November 10: 2 Corinthians 11-13 | Psalm 4
 November 11: Galatians 1-2 | Psalm 5
 November 12: Galatians 3-4 | Psalm 6
 November 13: Galatians 5-6 | Psalm 10

LIFE GROUP TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of any small group meeting, but it can also be intimidating. We find that group prayer goes best when we follow some simple guidelines:

PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME—Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once the topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves to the next topic. Since the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during prayer for topics they feel most led to pray about.

NO ONE IS REQUIRED TO PRAY—There is no expectation that you personally pray out loud in groups if you'd rather not.

KEEP PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE—Group prayer goes better when members keep prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for members to stay focused and it may intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group setting.



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SERMON SERIES: **"ROMANS"**

MESSAGE TITLE: **"When We Live With Unforgiveness"**

BIBLE TEXT: **Romans 12:9-21**

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"WHEN WE LIVE WITH UNFORGIVENESS"

SERMON NOTES:



LIFE GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

Life Groups Week 7 [November 7 - November 13, 2021]



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1) If you could be in the Guinness Book of World Records, what record breaking feat would you attempt?

2) Complete the sentence: *"I wish everyone could ..."*

QUICK REVIEW

1) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2) In the context of how Pastor Bill talked about forgiveness, share about what it means for you to be *'determined.'*

GOD'S STORY—TRIADS

The goal of Life Group Bible study is to engage with the Bible text primarily and treat the sermon as supplemental.

READ Romans 12:9-21

1) **GOD** - What does this passage say about the character of God?

2) **THE WORLD** - What does this passage say about fallen humanity?

3) **ME** - Where does this passage specifically expose sin or unbelief in my own life? How does it specifically call me to change my thinking, redirect my affections, replace my behaviours, and trust my Saviour?

DIGGING DEEPER

1) RECALL Romans 12:9-21. Through these verses, Paul writes 21 commands for us to display love in action. Which ones comes easily or naturally to you? Which ones are most difficult? Why?

- Thinking about your week ahead, what are two or three commands that you feel you need to put into practice?

2) READ Romans 12:14 & 19. We have such a hard time handing over the steering wheel of our lives to God when we have been hurt. Why is that?

- READ Matthew 5:38-42. Jesus outlines three challenging scenarios that His Jewish audience could encounter. What are some modern examples we might face?
- READ Matthew 18:21-22. What is Jesus really saying?

3) READ Romans 12:20. This verse ends with a phrase that feels a little odd. Why do you think Paul quoted this verse from Proverbs 25:21-22? What might be the application for today?

TAKING IT HOME

READ Romans 12:21, James 1:19-21. James writes that in order to overcome evil, we need to *"accept the word planted within us."* What does this mean? How do we do that?