



SUMMIT
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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

September 14, 2025 | Responding to Evil

Memory Verse: *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*
Romans 12:21



CLOSER TOGETHER _____

1. What is one low point and one high point of your last week (or summer)?
2. Share about something good God has done in your life recently.



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1. Review the main points of the message. Share something from the service or message that stood out, challenged or encouraged you.
2. Read **Romans 12:9-21** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
3. When you feel lost or confused about circumstances in your life or the state of the world, **where** do you turn for clarity and direction? Why?
4. How does knowing that Jesus weeps with you when you weep give you **comfort**?
5. In what way is **goodness** the antidote to evil? How have you experienced this personally?
6. How can you have true **hope** in the midst of darkness?
7. What does it look like for you to **love** those who do or say evil things?
8. Why is sharing Jesus **boldly** with others the best way to defeat evil?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ **Ephesians 6:10-20** together.

1. What is one thing that jumps out at you from these verses?
2. What does it look like for you to “be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power”?
3. Why is it important to remember that the struggle against evil is not a struggle against other people, but against spiritual forces of evil?
4. How do you “stand your ground” in the face of evil?
5. As a group, read through each piece of armor(vv 14-18) and talk about why each component is vital in the fight against evil and evil forces.
6. How should Paul’s desire to fearlessly declare the good news of Jesus inspire you to do the same? What is the key to doing this effectively?



LIVING IT OUT _____

1. Write down the names of people who you might consider an “enemy.” It could be a person you don’t like or who doesn’t like you, someone who has been mean to you or perhaps it’s someone that disagrees with you politically. Pray for each person or group by name this week. If you don’t have any “enemies” to write down Praise God! then pray for division and hatred to be overcome with love.
2. Think of a person you can bless this week in the name of Jesus. Do something kind. Be ready and willing to boldly share the good news of Jesus with them.
3. Meditate on **Isaiah 41:10** this week.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take time to pray for each other.