

# ROMANS

THE PRACTICE OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS



## SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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### GOSPEL-CENTERED LIVING

ROMANS 12:9-21

JUNE 14, 2015

### TAKEAWAYS

*Write out your one-sentence takeaways. Consider writing these on a notecard and putting it on your mirror, desk, or car dashboard.*

What to remember:

What to put off/put on:

What to share with someone:

### NEXT STEPS

*Here are some possible next steps to walk in this truth this week.*

- If you're not a member, sign up for the July 25 membership class at [yourchurch.com/membership](http://yourchurch.com/membership).
- If you're currently not giving to the church pray about how your family might "contribute to the needs of the saints" (12:13).
- Invite a neighbor or coworker into your home in the next couple of weeks as a way to show hospitality. Or, host an international student through College Park's FISH ministry. Learn more from the Global Outreach portion of our website at [yourchurch.com](http://yourchurch.com).

### FOR FURTHER STUDY

*For those wanting to study some of the key ideas in more detail here are some cross-references and resources.*

- **Love:** 1 Cor. 12:31; 2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 1:5; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7-12.
- **Hospitality:** Mt. 25:35; Titus 1:8; 1 Peter 4:9; Heb. 13:2.
- **Be constant in prayer:** Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17.
- **Enduring evil:** Prov. 20:22; Mt. 5:44; 1 Peter. 2:19-25; 3:8-22.

## APPLICATION & DISCUSSION

*These questions focus on the sermon text and message. We've highlighted key ones but use however many your group needs.*

Review: Did you take any steps this week in learning about how God might use you to serve others?

1. Who is a believer in your life who has loved you well or who comes to mind when you read Rom. 12:9-13? What about the way they loved encouraged or helped you?
2. **Read Rom. 12:12 again. How might this group live out this verse together in community?**
3. **What are some things you need to be doing that will enable you to better love others like Paul describes in 12:9-13? Are there any specific people God placed on your heart that you need to intentionally love well?**
4. **Which verse or exhortation from Rom. 12:14-21 do you most need to apply in a specific circumstance during this season? How does that verse help you think or respond rightly?**
5. From Rom. 12:19-20, how does the knowledge of God's sovereignty, righteousness, and justice help you trust him when mistreated? How can you remember who God is and why that matters in the midst of being mistreated or opposed?
6. Based upon the message and the discussion, what are ways the group can pray for you to better love those around you, to pursue peace in relationships, to endure mistreatment or opposition, or to overcome evil with good?

## HOW TO PRAY

*Pray over the praises and requests of those around you but here are some additional ways to pray into our passage this week.*

- Confess any ways you've not loved others well but have acted selfishly.
- Thank God for loving us and giving us an example of what love is.
- Thank God for the blessings in your life that you can share with others around you.
- Ask for strength to love those around you well.
- Pray for endurance in the face of opposition, trials, and even persecution.
- Pray for those in the group based upon what they shared about pursuing love, pursuing peace, and overcoming evil.

## NOTES