



TRINITY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Living On The Path Of Peace

Guided Discussion

Romans 12:9-21 teaches valuable lessons for living a life that has been marked by love. One of the key marks of love is doing all you can to live at peace with everyone (v. 18).

My prayer through this message is that the Gospel would be clear as the motivation for us to live at peace, and in so doing, that we would reconcile with each other through the strength of the Gospel and become people of peace.

Proposition Question: How can you live on the path of peace?

1) You live on the path of peace by living in Christ's love. (12:1-2; 9-21)

- a) Living in Christ's love: A theme throughout the passage.
- b) In order to live on the path of peace, you must drench your heart and mind in the love of Jesus.

2) You live on the path of peace by doing what you can to live at peace with all men. (18)

- a) What it does **not** mean to "do all you can to live at peace with all men".
- b) What it does mean to "do all you can to live at peace with all men".

3) You can live on the path of peace by confidently trusting in our God. (19-20)

****Distinction:** between 1-those we are distant from because **they** have hurt us.
2-because **you** have hurt them, 3- they are wayward because of the Gospel message that you believe.

- a) We must confidently trust God when we struggle with those who have hurt us.
- b) We must confidently trust God when we struggle with those that we have wronged.
- c) We must confidently trust God when there is a wayward one because of the Gospel.

Questions for discussion:

- 1) How does the love of Christ motivate us to love others? Why is it hard to think of His love when you have been wronged by another?
- 2) How do you know if you have done all you can to live at peace with someone? Consider some ways you can keep your mind from growing anxious wondering if you have done everything you can.
- 3) If we are truly forgiving someone in our hearts, how much should we long for the justice of God upon the person who has wronged us? (From verse 19)
- 4) How should you relate to those who have distanced themselves because of what you believe?
- 5) Three-part question (buckle up): Considering a confident trust in God; 1- how does that help you relate to those who have wronged you, 2 - to those you have wronged? 3 - to those who are wayward and distant?