



Milestone #4: What is My New Purpose?

Lesson 9 – Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-14

Please read the scripture and watch the video first. Then use the questions below to begin your discussion of the message in your group.

Summary:

God has not delegated the role of vengeance to his people; He has reserved that responsibility for himself. Our job is to love our neighbors, regardless of how they treat us.

Definitions:

- **Revenge** – retaliation for injuries or wrongs done to you or someone you care about.
- **“burning coals on his head”** – feeling shame for one’s actions; the hope is that the enemy would see our response of love instead of revenge and would be convicted to repent.

Ice Breaker Question:

- What is something you see drivers do that annoys you?

Discussion Questions:

- How do you respond to people who do nice things for you? How does it feel to consider responding with good deeds toward someone whose actions are intentionally unkind toward you?
- Has someone been hostile toward you leaving you to decide how to respond? Tell about your struggle in that decision.
- Christ followers do exactly that. The way we treat people is not because of **who** they are or **what** they have done – rather because of **whose** we are and **what** He has done for us. How does this truth motivate you to respond in ways that would leave vengeance in God’s hands?
- What can you do to show your neighbors that you love them?
- The text says to “clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ”. How would your life affect your neighbors if you consciously tried to “wear” Jesus Christ?