

1. As Christ followers, why is it important for us to live life in light of eternity? How does that perspective change our lives and the way we love people?

2. Read **Romans 12:17-21**

Paul makes a shift for Christ followers here from loving and serving those inside the church to loving those outside the church. Why do you think Paul started here, with vengeance and enemies?

Paul says that we are not to retaliate in the face of evil. Why are we prone to retaliate? What does Jesus say about this (**Matthew 5:38-42**)? What does this look like in our lives?

What does it look like to walk out **verse 18** in our lives towards those who don't agree with us and/or don't like us (or those we have a difficult time liking)?

How does having an eternal perspective on our circumstances and our enemies help give us peace and remove the "need" or "desire" for vengeance?

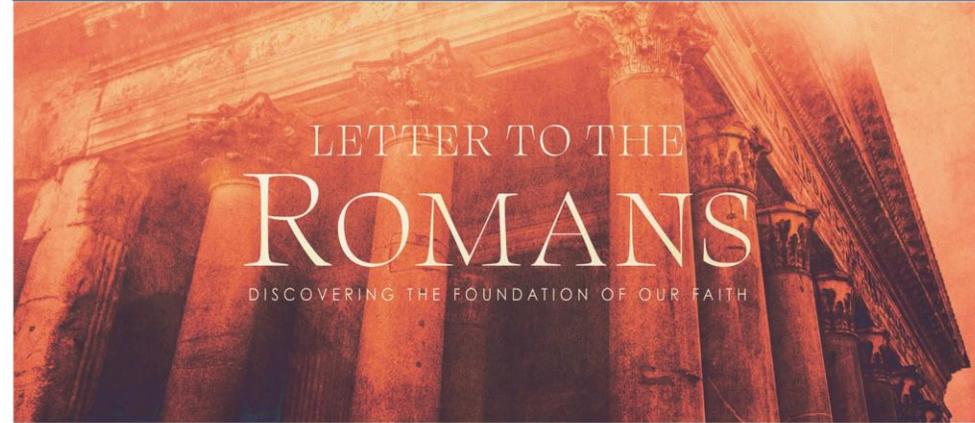
According to **verse 20**, what would be the hopeful outcome of blessing our enemies? How would you feel if your enemy came to faith in Jesus? What if God wants to use you to lead them to Him?

3. Jesus speaks plainly about enemies in **Matthew 5:43-48**. What profound teachings do you read? How can we walk in these by His power within us?

4. What's your reaction to this quote: "I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least." Do you agree? Any verses come to mind to back up this sentiment?

5. What is your next step toward loving your enemy?

If you are not currently in a LIFE group, use the "Church Center" app to get more information and sign-up to join one today!



NEW TO NORTHAMPTON?

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a **Connection Card** and let us know more about you. If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: www.NBchurchCF.org!

MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
ROMANS 12:17-21

NEXT SUNDAY:
ROMANS 13:1-7

WORSHIP ORDER

GLORIOUS DAY

WELCOME

GREETING

HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS

REVELATION SONG

OFFERING

LIVING HOPE

MESSAGE

CORNERSTONE

SEND OFF AND PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

SUNDAYS

Young Adults Class
Room 203

The Gospel According to John Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

WEDNESDAYS - 6pm
NBStudents (Grades 6-12)
Kidstown (Age 4-5th Grade)

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study

THURSDAYS
7:00PM
Men's Bible Study

VARIOUS DAYS
LIFE Groups
Real-Life Discipleship

NEXT STEPS

Baptisms and Partnerships
Sunday, Sept. 15, during Morning Service
Starting Point Lunch - Sunday, Sept. 29
Sign up in the Church Center App.

GET CONNECTED

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[@nbchurchcf](http://nbchurchcf)

UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME!

We're glad you have decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and download the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you are all set!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to help@nbchurchcf.org.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you are interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain, please contact **Marcia Peters** at care@nbchurchcf.org

STARTING POINT

New to Northampton? Please plan to attend our next lunch on **Sunday, Sept. 29, 12:30pm** to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it! Please sign up in the app or at nbchurchcf.org. Deadline to do so is **Sept. 22!**

PARKING LOT FUND

The parking lot is overdue for maintenance, and we are asking for your help in funding this project. If you feel God is directing you to give, please mark "parking lot" on your form of giving (check, envelope or online) and it will go toward this project.

DRIVE-THRU DONUT CREW

If you would like to be part of the crew to setup, serve donuts and coffee to the community - here's your opportunity! **Setup begins at 6am and we're open from 7-8:30am** every Wednesday in September. Use the Church Center App to sign-up each week!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES needs \$5 gift cards to McDonalds, Handels or DQ. Please see Kellie Sturm with any questions.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - At Northampton

6:30-7:30 - This is a 10-week study by author Sheila Walsh. Used books will be provided at no cost. Sign up at the Connection Wall in the foyer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 14, 8:00. Please sign up at the Connection Wall in the foyer.

FILL THE CRIB

Help us fill a crib for Akron Pregnancy Services. They need Diapers (size 4 & 6) and ****NEW**** 2T-5T boy's and girl's clothes. Items will be collected through the month of September.

OPERATIONAL CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are collecting donations for the upcoming **Packing Party** scheduled for **November 3** following the Morning Service. **Items needed:** Toothbrushes, Washcloths, Pens, Markers, Pencils, Books, Notepads and/or Coloring Books, Small toys, Yo-Yos, Musical Toys (harmonicas, flutes, Bells)

There is a donation box in the foyer.

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

Passage: Romans 12:17-21

Who is your enemy?

When it comes to our enemies, in light of God's love and eternity, Christ followers must...

1. Not _____ (v17)
2. Choose _____ (v18)
3. Not take _____ (v19)
4. _____ them (v20)

> **Plainly:** Acting kindly toward our enemies is a means of _____ them to be _____ of their conduct and, perhaps, to _____ to the Lord.

> Do you love your enemy enough to want them to follow Jesus?

5. Overcome evil with _____

Why must we love our enemies?

Because loving enemies is at the very _____ of God! (Rom. 5:8-10)



SEPTEMBER 15

**BAPTISMS/PARTNERSHIPS
DURING THE MORNING SERVICE**

If you are interested in taking part in Baptism and/or Partnership at Northampton that morning, please sign-up in the Church Center App.

Then, Following the Morning Service. . .

Food, Fellowship, Fun! Activities for all ages!

Bring a side dish, dessert, or bottled water!

Hamburgers and hotdogs provided!

Sign up in the foyer or on the church center app!

Come join us! All are invited!



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