

Bible Study for August 24-30

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: Romans 12:9-21

Notes:

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflinching standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. What Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek out the best ways to live at peace with all people.

Questions to Ponder:

What was one of the best practical jokes anyone has pulled on you? Did you try to repay them in kind? How?

How is your dedication to God shown in your relationships to others such as the poor, those suffering, your enemies, or outsiders?

How might you describe your love for another person compared to God's love for people? Keep in mind that this type of love mentioned is not concerned with receiving anything in return.

Make a list of what Paul suggests we do, and one of what we are to refrain from. Which do you see as being the longer one?

Of the commands listed, which are the two easiest to keep. Which are the most difficult?

This week, how might you practice love and peace in the ways described here?