SMALL GROUP RESOURCE Big Idea: Goodness is still important

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 27 Psalm 145:1-9 Galatians 5:22-26 Ephesians 5:1-10 2 Peter 1:1-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Romans 12:1-21

What is the reason behind the "therefore" in verse 1? How will you know that God's will is good, pleasing, and perfect?

What are the dangers of thinking too highly of yourself? ... of thinking too little of yourself?

Given Paul's description of the body, what is most likely to make a local congregation ineffective?

In verses 4-8 Paul describes differences within the body. What should we all have in common based on the rest of the chapter?

Of all the things Paul commands, which do you find the most difficult to do?

What would Paul say to the person who believes they can practice their faith in isolation?

How is evil overcome with good?

How did God accomplish this?

How do we follow His example?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His goodness. Agree with God about your need for a new mind that desires goodness. Thank God for the opportunity to practice goodness. Ask God for opportunities to use your spiritual gift/s for good.

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FAMILY RESOURCE Big Idea: Goodness is still important

READ ROMANS 12:1-2

Write/draw a typical day's schedule/activities. What is good about it? What could be better? Circle/star what you want to change.

READ ROMANS 12:3-8

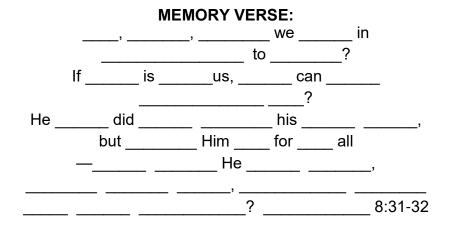
Think about the people around you. Ask each person to help you change.

READ ROMANS 12:9-19

Make a chart with 2 columns. Write EVIL at the top of one column and GOOD at the top of the other. As you read through this passage, write the things that you find on either the EVIL or GOOD side. Discuss why you wrote them where you did.

READ ROMANS 12:20-21

What is God's plan for conquering evil? How will that change your life?



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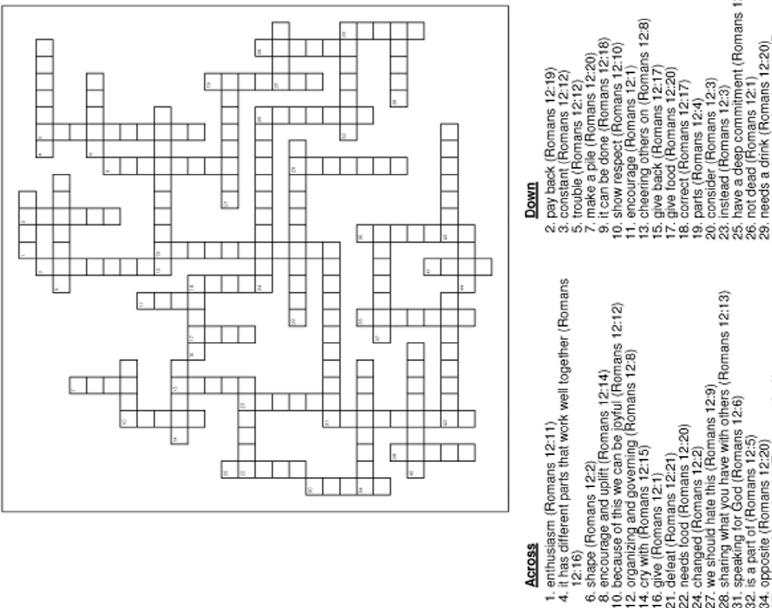
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