

Going deeper

In the last part of Romans, having examined in detail the good news of Jesus Christ, Paul now turns to urge us, 'in view of God's mercy' (Romans 12:1) to have our minds transformed (Romans 12:2). This section focuses on how to respond to those who would seek to harm us.

Read Romans 12:14-21

5. How do the commands of verses 14-16 show us how to value others above ourselves (cf. Phil. 2:3)?
6. How do the commands of verses 17-18 show us how to value our personal integrity as God's righteous people?
7. How did David obey the command of verse 19 in 1 Samuel 24? (cf. Deuteronomy 32:35. This is part of the Law that David may have known).
8. How did Saul's response to David illustrate how effective the strategy of Romans 12:20-21 can be?
9. In what sense do these commands follow naturally from the idea of God's mercy? (cf. Romans 12:1-2)

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 8th July 2018**

Growth Team News

This is the last meeting of Growth Teams before the summer break. They will return in the autumn when we hope to have one or two new evening Growth Teams as well!

In the meantime, the Growth Teams will probably want to arrange one or two socials over the summer to help stay in touch.

**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



David shows Mercy

1 Samuel 24 (page 296-297)

Space to take notes on the talk

A _____ Opportunity

How do we learn to see better?

- Listen to _____

What is godly seeing?

- How we see _____: _____
- How we see _____: _____
- How we see _____: _____

Starter question

- ❖ Have you any interesting stories to do with going to the toilet, that you are willing to share?

Responding to the talk

1. What was the most important lesson for you from this week's talk?
2. Read 1 Samuel 24:1-7 – The Toilet Incident
 - a. How serious is Saul about pursuing David? (cf. 23:8,13)
 - b. How does this incident illustrate that God was with David, but had abandoned Saul? (cf. 16:13-14; 18:12)
 - c. What were the men expecting David to do? (cf. 24:10) How do you think they felt about David's actions?
3. Read 1 Samuel 24:8-15 – David's Speech
 - a. Who does David say Saul shouldn't listen to? How has David shown that he doesn't always do what his men want?
 - b. Why did David spare Saul?
 - c. What does David leave to God? How does this show his faith?
4. Read 1 Samuel 24:16-22 – Saul's Speech
 - a. How has Saul's view of David been changed?
 - b. What does he now acknowledge that he hasn't before?
 - c. What does Saul gain as a result of this change of heart?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. Think of someone who has annoyed or upset you recently. Can you think of any God-given opportunities to do good to them? (Perhaps if you can't think of any you might pray for God to provide one!)
11. Of the three different aspects of 'godly seeing' which do you struggle with most? What do we need to do to see better?