

# Scriptures this week:

## Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Cancel Culture: Will the Church be a Target or the Antidote?

Romans 12:9-21

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Cancel Culture provides a chance for Church Culture to assess how we respond to challenges in the world.

**Cancel Culture is...**

**This is part of an unhealthy cycle**

**How we, the Church, can break this unhealthy cycle**

## Notes:

## ***Life Group Discussion Questions***

Cancel Culture  
For the week of July 18, 2021

### **Getting Started**

1. What comes into your mind (if anything) when you hear the words "Cancel Culture"?
2. Have you ever been hurt or offended by someone's words and struggled to move past it? How did that affect your relationship?
3. Do you have any personal experience where you were "cancelled" by someone for your opinions or actions?

### **Digging into the Text**

4. Read Romans 12:9-21 and respond:
  - How would you summarize Paul's encouragement here?
  - What are some of the specific illustrations Paul gives in these verses about what genuine love should look like?
  - What are some of the specific illustrations Paul gives about what the opposite of genuine love looks like? What impact do those specific behaviors have on how we are seen as Christians?

### **Applying It to My Life**

5. Who are hard to love people in your life?
6. How do you draw the line between loving people and endorsing their bad behavior?
7. How often do we stop to assess our own reactions to hurt vs. focusing on other's reactions?
8. As a group, how can we encourage each other toward this kind of genuine love?