

Activity #3: Print this out for the older student group leaders.

Group Discussion for Romans 12:14-21

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

Purpose:

Addresses real conflict students face at school and online & encourages critical thinking about forgiveness and retaliation

What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

Part A – How Should Christians Treat Unbelievers?

Discuss:

- How do people usually respond when someone is mean to them?
- What makes Jesus' response different from the world's response?
- Why does Paul tell believers to bless those who persecute them?

Romans 12:14

Have students discuss:

- Forgiveness
- Kindness
- Witness
- Representing Christ

Part B – Overcoming Evil With Good

Have them discuss the world's ways vs the Kingdom way:

Romans 12:6-8

Discuss:

- Why revenge feels natural
- Why forgiveness is difficult
- How believers can respond differently
- What our actions communicate about Jesus

World's Way	Kingdom Way
Get even	Forgive
Return insults	Bless
Seek revenge	Trust God
Focus on self	Love others
Win arguments	Represent Christ

Part C – How Do We Overcome Evil?

Ask: "Can evil be defeated by more evil?"

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- Matthew 5:44 "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
- Proverbs 25:21-22 "If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat."

Discuss:

- Feeding your enemy
- Showing kindness when it isn't deserved
- Trusting God with justice
- Letting God handle vengeance

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why is it easier to get even than to forgive?
- How can kindness open doors to share the Gospel?
- Is pursuing peace the same thing as being weak?
- How can believers stand for truth while still showing love?

2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)

"Is there someone I need to forgive or show kindness toward?"

OR

How can I better represent Jesus when people treat me unfairly?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God to show you if there is someone you need to treat with more kindness and grace. Is there a person at school, work, church, or home with whom you need to reconcile? Ask for forgiveness if you've treated them unkindly. Pray for the humility to seek peace and the strength to forgive those who have hurt you. Ask God to help you show others the same love, patience, and mercy that Christ has shown you.

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

Key for Lesson: Christians are called to respond differently than the world. Instead of returning evil for evil, believers overcome evil with good and use every relationship as an opportunity to reflect Christ and share the Gospel.