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Mastermind: Love in Action (Romans 12:9-21)

READ & REFLECT Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

- In verses 1-2, what do you find as the prerequisite for verses 9-21?
- If you could draw an analogy or metaphor of “clinging to good,” what would you draw? Play a few rounds of Pictionary with friends, sketching your answer and have the rest of the group guess the answers.
- Is it easy to hate evil? Why or why not?
- Sermon Quote: “We don’t generally hate evil in our lives. We tolerate evil. We look the other way. We allow ourselves to coexist with evil.” In what ways does our society tolerate evil? Does pride, a negative attitude, or gossip represent a tolerance of evil?
- How does a person following Jesus discern evil differently than society at large?
 - a. How does Scripture impact your evaluation of Good and Evil in the world?
 - b. After answering the question above, include Ephesians 6:10-18 in your discussion of discerning evil.
- Now read the Amplified and NIV translation of verses 11 and 12 aloud. In the Greek “fervent” means to “boil,” to be hot as we enthusiastically serve the Lord. According to this passage what behaviors are the result of “boiling” or possessing a “fired up” faith?
- How do these verses encourage you to put love into action? Which action listed in the passage is the most challenging for you?

“To transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ.”

RESPOND

- Allowing yourself to be honest and vulnerable, what is the Holy Spirit teaching you in this passage?

- Pair up with another person in your Life Group and discern in what area of your life you have tolerated evil.
 - What is your “next step” in clinging to what is good? What will you do tonight? What will you do tomorrow?

 - Who is your supply line of encouragement and accountability?