



KEEP TALKING

The weekend doesn't have to end. Keep Talking with this week's guide.

The Pattern | Overcome Evil with Good

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START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

What is your favourite film and why?

How would you define evil and how would you define good?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

Romans 12:17-21 and Ephesians 6:12-13 (NIV)

- What stands out to you from each of these passages? What does this tell you about the pattern of God's kingdom that we are called to live by?
- How would you describe spiritual warfare? Do you have any experiences of this?
- Craig stated that we need to recognise the spiritual warfare that is at work in the evil/injustice that we see or experience in daily life; what do you think of this?

Craig talked about how the passage in Romans 12 urges us to 'overcome evil with good' and how, as followers of Jesus, we have the choice to either "Overcome evil or be overcome by it." What we cannot be is passive.

- What are your thoughts about this statement?
- How can we avoid being passive to the problem of evil, both in the world and our own lives?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

Romans 12 teaches us that we overcome evil with good and that this is one way that we engage in spiritual warfare. We overcome evil with good because it is how:

- We fulfill our potential (Image of God/Imago Dei)
- God answers prayers (Titus 3:14)
- We bring Glory to God (1 Peter 2:12)
- Part of being made in the image of God is that we were made to be God's ambassadors- What does this mean for our lives?
- Have you ever had an experience where God has used someone to answer your prayer? (Or Vice-Versa)

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

Craig gave us 4 ways that we can demonstrate Goodness:

Good Deeds (Acts 9:36)

Good Words (2 Thessalonians 2:17)

Good Thoughts (Phil 4:8)

Good Lives (Col 1:10)

- What are some practical ways that you can demonstrate these this week?
- Is there anything you can do as a Connect Group?

KEEP PRAYING

- Ask the group if they have any prayer requests and pray together.