



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Sept. 28 & 29, 2024

"Erase Evil with Good"

[Romans 12:14-21](#)

A healthy relationship with Jesus isn't about perfecting a series of rituals. However, there are healthy habits that Christians can lean into that can help strengthen and deepen their awareness of God's love for them. Join us for this seven-week series as we explore seven habits that can lead to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

### PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

### GROW

#### Read [Romans 12:14-21](#) - "Love in Action"

- What is forgiveness? Why is it so difficult? In what ways do we sometimes misunderstand forgiveness? Why does God want us to forgive? What does hurt and anger do to us? How does it affect others? Do you ever feel like God can forgive others but not you? What is the truth?
- What does the world do when we disagree with someone else? Does that help the situation? What does blaming, vilifying, and building camps do to sin and division? When you experience evil or disagreement, what is your typical response?

#### Read [Matthew 18:15-17](#) - "Dealing With Sin in the Church"

- How is this method different than how the world typically deals with offense? When was the last time you were offended? How does this tell you to handle that situation? What are our options when people offend us? How does this relate to forgiveness?

#### Read [John 13:34-35](#) - "Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial"

- How will the world know that we follow Jesus? How do we receive the power to forgive? Where does that come from?

### APPLY

Talk with your group about the people who have hurt you or that you strongly disagree with. What sort of emotions do you have toward those people? How is that affecting how you treat others? Is that holding you captive? How can you experience freedom from that? This week, spend time in prayer for the people who have hurt you. Ask God to bless them. Allow God to give you freedom from that pain by praying for enemies.