

Opening Question

When it comes to conflict in your life, would you label yourself more as a shark or a turtle? Do you tend to lean into it or away from it?

Read Together

Romans 12:17-21

Big Idea

Christ-followers need a code of conduct for life on the battleship.

Discussion Questions

1. How would you summarize in one sentence what Paul is saying in these verses?
2. Read through the passage again sentence by sentence. Take a minute at the end of each sentence and try to identify how our culture would respond or what it would say about what Paul writes?
4. Of all of Paul's commands we find here, which one do you find most challenging? Why?
5. How can we determine when it's right to fight for our rights and when we should just accept being wronged?
6. Does Scripture require us to try to carry on a relationship with a difficult person? Can we keep our distance?

Challenge

Is there a situation where you need to apply the principles of these verses? How will you go about it?

Prayer

Take specific time to pray for any specific situation that is just been shared. And then pray for one another that you will be people of peace this week and living out Romans chapter 12.

Next Steps

An excellent read in this area if you would like to continue your study is *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande.

