

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to [southeastchristian.org](http://southeastchristian.org) to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

The starting point for all our relationships – even the difficult ones! – is the cross. Instead of treating people the way they’ve treated us, we need to treat them the way Jesus has treated us.

Without naming names (especially if they're in the room), who are the “difficult people” in your life? What constitutes a “difficult person” in your opinion? What are some of the qualities/characteristics of people who fall into this category? What are some qualities/characteristics that might make you a “difficult person” in the eyes of other people?

What is your typical response when dealing with difficult people? Do you get angry? Frustrated? Do you just avoid them? Why do you think you respond to them in this way? What does your response reveal about you? How does your typical response compare/contrast with how Jesus would treat them?

Read Romans 12:14-21. Make a list of all the relational commands Paul gives in these verses. How many commands do you count here? What would living these commands look like in practice? What are some of the barriers that keep us from living these things out?

Trip talked about three ways we overcome evil with good: We PURSUE PEACE, we DON'T TAKE REVENGE, and we DO GOOD. Are there any of these commands that come naturally to you? Is there one that is more difficult for you to follow? What makes that particular command more challenging for you personally?

Who are your “enemies”? Who are the people you disagree with (or who are on another side of an issue than you are)? Why are we so quick to vilify those people? What would it look like for you to do good for your enemies? Think of one practical thing you can do this week.

We don't treat people the way they treat us; we treat them the way Jesus treated us. How has Jesus treated you? How have you seen His grace and mercy evidenced in your life? In what ways can you be generous in sharing that grace and mercy with the people around you?