

SMALL GROUP LESSON  
FEBRUARY 4, 2018

**MAKE ME A BLESSING**  
ROMANS 12:14-21

Today's sermon title sums up what Paul is saying to us in this passage of Scripture. He is providing us with some inspired recommendations as to how we can become a blessing to those living around us. This includes those who like us and those who do not, those who are our Christian brothers and sisters and those who are not. In other words, Paul is talking about how we can become a blessing to everyone. Let's take a look at what he has to say.

1. What are some general principles that we should put into practice as we meet with and get to know other people? Take a look especially at verses 15, 16, and 18. Can you think of some examples that illustrate these principles?
2. How should we respond to difficult people, people who may not like us or might even desire to persecute or harm us? Take a look at verses 14 and 17 as well as what Jesus had to say on this topic in His Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:43-48.
3. Why should we refrain from taking revenge, striking back at those who have treated us badly either in word or in deed? Instead, what should we do and why? Carefully examine verses 19-20 and Proverbs 25:21-22.
4. Why should we try to live the way of life that Paul recommends to us in Romans 12:14-21? There are two reasons. Here's a hint. One has to do with us and the other with those who live around us. Read Colossians 2:11-14.
5. Why is verse 21 so important? What happens when we put it into practice? What happens when we do not?