

**Missing Peace**  
You're Driving Me Crazy  
December 10, 2023

Notes

## Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

### **1. Read Romans 12:14-18.**

'Persecute' means to harass or oppress as well as to annoy or trouble persistently. Can you think of anyone in your life who might be considered a persecutor? How do you typically respond to them?

How does this verse say we should treat those who persecute (harass, trouble, annoy or oppress) us?

Changing the way we respond to someone, especially if they continue to hurt, frustrate, or disappoint us, requires effort. What small, practical step could you take to help yourself respond differently to the hard-to-love person in your life?

Paul gives us a long list of ways we are or aren't to interact with others. Which of his instructions is the most challenging for you to follow? Why is it difficult?

Relating to others as Paul challenges us to is part of growing as a follower of Jesus. What is your next step of growth in being more like Him in your interactions with others?

### **2. Read Ephesians 4:2.**

What character traits does this verse say should mark our lives? How do these qualities help our relationships become or stay healthy?

### **3. Read Proverbs 19:11.**

What kinds of things really get under your skin and tick you off? When are you most tempted to lose your temper? How might you cultivate the ability to overlook those things that irritate you?

### **4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.**

Loving others as Jesus does is the most important thing. Where do you need to grow in the ways you love others?