



Life Group  
Sermon Guide Questions  
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**Read Genesis 36:1-8**

When you think about different churches or denominations, what emotions usually come to mind - appreciation, suspicion, indifference, pride, curiosity? Why?

**Brothers Who Became Enemies Read Genesis 36:1, 8–9 and Numbers 20:14–21**

1) What stands out to you about how often the text reminds us that “Esau is Edom”? How did Edom treat Israel in Numbers 20? What does this reveal about the relationship between the two nations?

2) Why do you think family conflicts or divisions can grow deeper over generations instead of healing?

**“You Stood Aloof” – Indifference Toward a Brother. Read Obadiah 1:10–12 and Romans 15:1–2**

3) What was Edom’s sin in Obadiah 1:11?

4) How can Christians today “stand aloof” when other believers or churches are struggling?

## "ESAU" (That is Edom)

# Loving Your Church and the One Down the Street, Too!

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5) Have you ever experienced encouragement or help from another church or ministry? What impact did that have? What is one practical way our group or church could support another ministry?

### **Gloating Over Failure. Read Obadiah 1:12, Proverbs 24:17, and 1 Corinthians 13:6**

6) Why does God take gloating over someone else's failure so seriously?

7) What does gloating look like in today's Christian culture (social media, conversations, podcasts, etc.)?

8) When you hear about a ministry or Christian leader failing, what is your honest first reaction? How can we talk about real problems in the church without slipping into gossip or secret delight?

### **Pride and Boasting. Read Obadiah 1:3–4 and Luke 18:9–14**

9) What is the basis of Edom's pride?

10) How does the Pharisee in Luke 18 illustrate spiritual pride?

11) In what ways can churches or believers become proud of their style, theology, or success?

### **Celebrating the Whole Body Read. 1 Corinthians 12:25–27 and Galatians 5:13–15**

12) What happens when Christians "bite and devour" one another?

13) What does it practically look like to rejoice when another church or ministry succeeds?

14) Think of a church or ministry that is very different from yours. What strengths might God be using in them?

