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The Greatest Commandment

“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?’ Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”
 Matthew 22:36-40

The Most Famous Neighbor Story Ever Told

“One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: ‘Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” The man answered, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind. And, Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ‘Right!’ Jesus told him. ‘Do this and you will live!’ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied with a story: ‘A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here. Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits? Jesus asked. The man replied, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Then Jesus said, ‘Yes, now go and do the same.’”
 Luke 10:25-37

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

The Question The Lawyer Asked Jesus

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The Question Jesus Asked The Lawyer

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The Question For You And Me

Do I see loving my neighbor as

an _____ or an _____?

Memory Verse

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”
 Mark 12:31

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Commit my life to Jesus Christ for the first time
- Memorize Mark 12:31
- Look for an opportunity to be a neighbor this week
- Get the most out of this weekend’s message by attending my Life group this week
- Commit to attend, as much as possible, each weekend during the “At The Movies” series
- Invite a friend to come with me to “At The Movies”



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Discussion Questions - Week #9

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Who Is My Neighbor?" in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. The movie featured in this weekend's message was the documentary on Mr. Rogers entitled "Won't You Be My Neighbor." What children's show or shows did you grow up watching?

2. The parable of the good Samaritan begins with a question from a teacher of the Jewish law. If you had the chance to ask Jesus anything today, what would you ask him?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. One of the things that is so challenging about Jesus' command to love our neighbor is in the way he redefined neighbor to include those we most often seek to avoid or ignore. In your group take a moment to re-read or summarize Luke 10:25-37.

Can you think of a neighbor in your life that Jesus might be calling you to love?

Why do you think it can be so hard at times to love our neighbors?

What's one action that you could start doing, stop doing, or continue doing to love your difficult to love neighbor as yourself?

2. While Jesus' command to love our neighbors was radical, it is a command that originated in the Old Testament book of Leviticus. Read Leviticus 19:9-18. What might leaving the corners of your fields "unreaped" have to do with loving your neighbor?

What do you think is the importance of the refrain "I am the Lord" in verses 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18?

Considering most of us don't have crops and fields, can you think of any way that this passage could apply to us today?

If you were graded on loving your neighbor according to this passage, how would you say you're doing with what Jesus calls the most important commandment?

Are there any changes you think you might want to make?

3. While we've all probably heard 1 Corinthians 13 read at a wedding, romantic love is not necessarily what Paul had in mind. If you were to summarize this passage in one sentence, what would you say?

Which of the descriptions of love do you appreciate the most?

In which of the characteristics of love described in this passage do you think you might want to grow?

Can you think of any connections between this passage and the great commandment in Matthew 22:36-40?

TAKING IT HOME

👉 How can the group be praying for you as we enter into our Summer break?

PRAYER REQUESTS