

WON'T YOU BE A NEIGHBOR?



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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of October 7, 2018

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This weekend we were reminded that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. How well do you think you love your neighbors?

2 Describe the general relationship between the Jews and the Samaritans during the time of Jesus. Why is this important to Jesus' parable?

3 Reread Luke 10:36-37. How did the Samaritan show mercy?

DIGGING DEEPER

1 Looking at the passage below, why do you think John emphasizes that loving others is a commandment?

How does God's love for us compel us to love others?

1 John 4:19-21, ESV – ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

2 When reading verses about seeking God, we see that He is always near. What insight do the following verses give regarding how and why we should seek God?

Why is seeking God in our own lives important when trying to love our neighbors as ourselves?

Acts 17:26-27, ESV – ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

Isa 55:6, ESV – ⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

Prov 8:17, ESV – ¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Jer 29:13, ESV – ¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Psa 145:18, ESV – ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

3 Based on the passage below, what is the “freedom” that we are called to?

This Weekend, we learned that we are to love others as ourselves. How can loving our neighbors help us in sharing the freedom we have in Christ?

Gal 5:13-15, ESV – ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

TAKING IT HOME

As you think through the sermon and this week's study, is there a specific person, family, or multiple people that God has brought to mind? Who are they? What specific actions are you going to take to love them as God loves them?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Lev 19:18

Deut 4:6-9

Mark 12:28-34