

Scriptures for further study

Exodus 20:1-17, John 4:1-30, Luke 19:1-10, I John 4:7-11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Romans 13:8-10

- 1. Romans 13:8 tells us to owe no one anything except love. How does this kind of love differ from both an attitude of blanket acceptance of others and also from a legalism that requires that everyone submit to a "set of rules" for acceptance?
- 2. Jesus lived the perfect life as an example of how life should be lived. Where in the gospels do you see Jesus confronting wrong and where do you see him accepting others?
- 3. In Romans 13:9-10 Paul quotes the 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th commandments as clear and specific ways that we should love one another. He sums this verse up by saying that we should love others as we love ourselves. Read these commandments in Exodus 20. Are there ways that you could love others more fully in these challenging times? What is one step that you could take this week to love others that you come in contact with?
- 4. What God wants most from us and for us is for us to fully accept the love of Jesus and then live out the love that He first gave to us. What are some attributes of God's love for us that we can apply to loving others this week?
- 5. Take some time individually and as a group to pray that believers throughout our city, our state and our country will be "lights of the world" in the midst of difficult times. Pray that peace would be restored and that healing would occur.