

Why Love My Neighbor?

Luke 10:25-37

Why is loving your neighbor essential to eternal life?

- The command to love your neighbor is central to God's _____ for his _____. (Leviticus 19:18)
- The mission of God's people is to _____ his _____ to the world. (Genesis 12:1-3)
- God's blessing is the fruitful, _____ reign of humanity on Earth. (Genesis 1:26-28)
- God restores his blessing by commanding his people to _____ their _____. (Leviticus 19:1-18, 33-34)
- Jesus came to create a people capable of _____ this _____. (Titus 2:14)

Neighboring in Antioch

- Ancient cities like Antioch were _____ and _____.
- In those cities, loving your neighbor was especially difficult-- and _____. (Colossians 3:11-14, Ephesians 4:22-32)
- By loving their neighbors, Christians _____ the Roman Empire _____.

Loving Your Neighbor

- Following Christ is not about _____ laws, but pursuing a _____.
- Our mission is to restore the _____ of God to the _____.
- Your part of that mission is to _____ your _____.

Challenge:

- Learn your neighbor's names.
- Consider: what are the _____ in our community? How can the Gospel _____ them?

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. How would your neighborhood be different if everyone loved their neighbors the way God intends? What kinds of blessings would you experience?
3. What difference does it make to change your goal from "keeping the law" to "fulfilling the mission?" How does it change your perspective on loving your neighbor?
4. What kind of benefits does humanity bring to the world when we're reigning properly? How can the world be a better place because God put us here?
5. How does Jesus give us the ability to fulfill our mission?
6. What do you think it was like to live in Antioch? What were the
7. If you had lived in ancient Antioch, what aspect of the Gospel would you have responded to the most? How is that different from today?
8. Why do you think the everyday behavior of Christians is more powerful than the preaching of great evangelists?
9. What does it look like to restore the blessings of God to your neighborhood or workplace?
10. What can you do to restore those blessings?