



SESSION 4

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself?



YES • NO • MAYBE

NOTES

1. At least one of the neighbors on my street annoys me.
2. There is something about me, my family, my pets or my yard that annoys at least one of my neighbors.
3. I am uncomfortable giving money to beggars.
4. My financial status is about the same now as what I grew up with.
5. My spiritual walk has been a fairly steady one, free from extreme swings.

DIG DEEP

LOVE MY NEIGHBOR?

- What type of neighbors do you have? Are they active, aloof, annoying or awesome?

READ Mark 12:28-31 (NIV)

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO GOD:

∞ What are the two most important things on God's heart?

° What does it say about His character that he would list these two?

HEART, SOUL & MIND:

∞ What do you think He means by "with all your heart, soul and mind?"

"AS" YOURSELF?

∞ What does it mean to love your neighbor "as" yourself?

- (Leviticus 19:18) kamokha: "*who is similar to you.*" This is not a comparison of two kinds of love, it is the similarities of two people.

° (For further understanding) **READ Leviticus 19:9-18**

- List the concrete actions of one who loves someone "as" yourself.

SO, WHO'S MY NEIGHBOR?

∞ Who exactly is your neighbor?

∞ How does this change the way we're called to love?

∞ What does it say about God's character that he is this concerned about how your neighbors are loved?

MY PRAYERS

1. What "neighbor" currently challenges me the most?
2. What thought struck me the most during the class interaction?
3. What do I need to change in my own perspective to love my neighbor AS myself? What does my church need to do? Am I willing to lead that change?