

Greatest Commandment



MEMORY VERSE: "Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."

1 John 3:18



LUKE 10:25-28 The Most Important Commandment

1. How are we to love God? How are we to love our neighbor? v. 27
2. What do you think it looks like to love the Lord your God with all your...?
heart

soul

strength

mind
3. What do you think it means to "love your neighbor as yourself?"



LUKE 10:29-37 Parable of the Good Samaritan

4. Jesus answered the religious expert's question with a parable about a Jewish man who was hurt on the side of the road and the three men who saw him. What did the three men do?
Man #1

Man #2

Man #3
5. From verses 36-37, which man was the neighbor? "The man who showed him _____."



6. See the definition of mercy from the Scripture page. Can you think of a time when you have shown mercy or received mercy?



1 JOHN 3:16-18 True Love

7. What is our example of true love? v. 16

8. What does it mean that Jesus gave up His life for us?

9. How do we show love with actions? How do you think we can “give up our lives” for others?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

As a follower of Jesus, our greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God first and love our neighbor second. Jesus’ parable shows us that our neighbor is anyone that is in need, not just the people in our neighborhoods. With Jesus as our example, we can show love to our neighbors. Loving others will give you the greatest and most lasting joy.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Father, thank You for your loving us and giving Your life so that we can have a relationship with You. Please forgive me when I take You for granted. Show me how to love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and how to love others as I love myself. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



God calls us to love Him with our whole selves. Circle one area that you would like to love God more and give an example of how you can do that this week.

Heart Soul Mind Strength



Luke 10:25-37 NLT)

Luke 10:25-28

The Most Important Commandment

25 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? 26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” 27 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.’” 28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

Luke 10:29-37

29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Parable of the Good Samaritan

30 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. 31 “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. 32 A Temple assistant[b] walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 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. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins,[c] telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

1 John 3:16-18 (NLT)

16 We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person?

18 Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

Love: more than just a feeling. Love wants what is best for the other person and acts in a kind way toward them.

Mercy: Not giving someone the punishment or treatment they deserve, but instead showing them honor by serving and helping them.

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