



Neighborhood Watch

“The Greatest Love”

Leviticus 19

Small Group Plan

*Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people,
but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.*

— Leviticus 19:18 —

You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.”

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

— Matthew 5:43-44 —

“Honor your father and mother,” and “love your neighbor as yourself.”

— Matthew 19:19 —

And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

— Matthew 22:39 —

The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

— Mark 12:31 —

*To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding
and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself
is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

— Mark 12:33 —

*He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength and with all your mind” and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

— Luke 10:27 —

*The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,”
“You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be,
are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

— Romans 13:9 —

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

— Galatians 5:14 —

*If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture,
“Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.*

— James 2:8 —

OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...

- “Love your neighbor as yourself” is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible.
- Why would God have it repeated so many times?
- Some find it easy to love the dirty man with torn clothes and a hand-made sign asking for help on the side of the road. Others find it easy to love the child in the third world country who isn’t even old enough to ask for help. Some find it difficult to love the person sitting next to them in church. Others find it difficult to love the person sitting in a different Church with different biblical viewpoints. Many find it difficult to love someone who votes Red or Blue in their politics.
- Why is it that we love some of our neighbors differently than others?

LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...

FIRST — LOVE AND BE LOVED BY GOD

Mark 12:30

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength.

- When it is clearest to you that God loves you dearly?
- How is loving God connected being loved by God?

SECOND — LOVE YOURSELF

Mark 12:31

Love your neighbor **AS YOURSELF**.

- What does it mean to love yourself? How can this be done in a humble, healthy way?
- Why should we love ourselves? What is the alternative?
- Why do some struggle to love themselves? How can God help us work through this?
- How is our love for ourselves rooted in our relationship with God?

THIRD — LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Mark 12:31

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR as yourself.

- How is loving ourselves connected to loving our neighbors?
- If we don’t have a sense of God’s love how will it affect our love for our neighbor?
- Which people in your world are easiest to love? Explain.
- When do you find it most difficult to love others? Why?

USE IT / APPY IT ...

- Discuss these 10 ways to love our neighbors:
 1. **PRAY** — *Pray specifically for your neighbors by name.*
 2. **LEARN** — *Learn about your neighbors.*
 3. **GIVE** — *A little gift is an instant ice breaker and can open doors.*
 4. **SERVE** — *Volunteer outside your church circles to meet more people.*
 5. **CALL** — *One in four homes is occupied by one person living alone.*
 6. **HELP** — *Put your neighbor's paper on the porch, rake leaves, or simply listen.*
 7. **EAT** — *Invite a neighbor to eat with you. Relax and enjoy their presence.*
 8. **PLAY** — *A walk or a game. Play is a sign of peace, safety, and strength.*
 9. **WRITE** — *Notice their flowers, their new fence and compliment them.*
 10. **HOST** — *Invite them into your home for a glass of tea or a gentle dinner.*

- Thank God for His love for you and ask Him how to give to others what you yourself would like to receive.