

The Great Commandment

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Mark 12:30-31

I. What Loving Our Neighbor as Ourselves Means

1. It means treating others with the same concern we naturally show ourselves.

Matthew 7:12

Romans 13:8-10

2. It means valuing every person as God's image-bearer.

James 3:9

Genesis 1:27

3. It means seeking their spiritual good, not only their physical good.

Galatians 6:1-2

Jude 22-23

II. What Loving Our Neighbor Does Not Mean

1. It does *not* mean approving of sin.

Ephesians 5:11

John 3:16

2. It does not mean avoiding difficult conversations.

Proverbs 27:6

Ephesians 4:15

3. It does not mean loving others *more* than God.

Matthew 10:37

III. How Jesus Demonstrated Love for His Neighbor

1. Jesus showed compassion that moved Him to action.

Matthew 9:36

2. Jesus loved sacrificially.

John 15:13

Luke 10:25-37

3. Jesus crossed cultural and social boundaries.

John 4

Luke 19

Matthew 8

4. Jesus forgave those who wronged Him.

Luke 23:34

IV. Practical Ways We Can Love Our Neighbor Today

1. Practice intentional kindness - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

2. Be present with the hurting - Romans 12:15

3. Share the gospel graciously and courageously - Romans 1:16; Mark 1:1

4. Forgive quickly and deeply - Ephesians 4:32

5. Serve people with the strength God gives - Galatians 5:13

CONCLUSION

John 13:35

Mark 1:1; 16:15-16