

Hope Groups - The Seven Commands of Jesus – Command #4 Love

Command: 37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22 :37-39)

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10 :25 -37)

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 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.’ ”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

LOOK BACK... (10-15 mins)

What are you thankful for and what’s been a challenge this week?

Can we help with or pray about anything shared?

Vision* & Check-in: How did you go with your plan to share/invite or obey from last time?

LOOK UP... (10-15 mins)

Read this week’s story/passage. Discuss the following questions:

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What did you find challenging or hard to understand?

Re-read the passage/story (& retell in your own words)

3. What does this say about God/Jesus?
4. What does this say about people?

LOOK FORWARDS... (10-15 mins)

What would it mean for me to obey/follow what is taught here?

Who will I share this story with?

Who will I invite to the next Event in my City?

If appropriate, pray.

Scan to find the next Event in your City:

