

# Family Lesson #5: Love My Neighbor

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## Love of Neighbor

***Jesus was asked, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."***

***Matthew 22:36-40***



***So who is our neighbor and what is Jesus calling us to do?***

Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup>. As a family, discuss ways you can love your neighbor and ways to bring Christ into the world. A Lenten Family lesson will be sent home on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**All RE and Confirmation families are to complete and return the Reflection Questions by next week.**

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**Chose one passage each night this week and as family spend time reflecting on the following scripture passages. (It is best to read them directly from your Bible.)**

**Matthew 25:34-40:** Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

**Luke 3:11:** And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

**Matthew 6:3-4:** But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

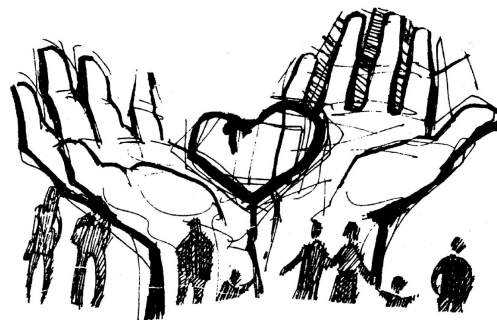
**Luke 14: 12-14:** He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner

or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

**1 John 3:17-18:** But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

**Luke 6:38:** Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

**Luke 21:1-4:** Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."



# Reflection Questions

What story or illustration from Mr. Donahue-Grossman did you like the most or had the greatest impact on you?

Have you ever had a first impression of someone turn out to be inaccurate?

What is your first thought or feeling when you first see a homeless person?

Who is considered unclean or impure in our world today?

When has fear kept you from reaching out to those in need?

Have you had an experience with someone who opened your eyes to seeing differently?

If Jesus were to return today, with whom would he most likely spend time?

Who is our neighbor?

What does it mean that we are the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth?

## **Emphasize with Younger Children**

Everyone deserves respect because everyone is a child of God.

We should never talk to strangers. But, we can be safe without judging people. Not all strangers are bad but since we don't know them, we have to be cautious.

Children can smile at homeless people, and pray for them.