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Love Your Neighbor as Yourself
Leviticus 19 (NIV)

Main Idea: Jesus called Leviticus 19:18, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” as the number two “great commandment” in all the law.

³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:35-40

How Can I Love My Neighbor?

1. I can be generous with my neighbor

⁹ ‘When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

¹⁰ And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:9-10

2. I can be honest with my neighbor

¹¹ ‘You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³ ‘You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:11-14

3. I can act justly with my neighbor

¹⁵ ‘You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

¹⁶ You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷ ‘You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely ^[b] rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:15-18

How to Receive Christ:

“Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I’m a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen.”

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Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus calls, “Love your neighbor as yourself” as one of the greatest commandments?
2. How can we “Love our neighbor as ourselves?”
3. How else does Jesus apply the Old Testament laws to our lives today?