



## INTRODUCTION

## Part 4 - Love Your Neighbor

What really matters? What is important? What does it mean to be great? The series The Greatest explores what really matter to Jesus - love - and it will answer questions such as: Why does love matter so much? What does it mean to love? How can we grow in our capacity to love? Together, let's learn what it really means to love well.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some examples of neighbors who might be difficult to love? Why might these examples challenge us?
2. Why do you think people have a hard time loving someone who is different than them? Do you feel you love people well who are different than you? Explain your answer.
3. Read Romans 13:8-10. Why do you think Paul said loving others is the fulfillment of the law?
4. Read John 13:34-35. Why do you think Jesus said that people will know you are his disciples by how well they love each other? What are some ways we can do this better? (individually, as a group, and a church)
5. Which of the three areas do you struggle the most with in loving your neighbors?
  - a. Neighbors who are different
  - b. Neighbors who you disagree with
  - c. Neighbors who take up your time
6. What are some things that get in the way of us loving our neighbors?
7. What, practically, can you do to grow in love for your neighbors?

## APPLICATION

Could it be that in learning to love our neighbor, we might also be getting to know even more about Christ? If we love God with all of our heart, soul and mind, then we should be seeing ourselves the way God sees us. In our growth, a logical step would be to begin to see everyone around us in the way God sees them, resulting in us loving them the same way He does. People matter to God, so people should matter to us.

Because people matter, we should invite others to be our neighbor, even if they are different than we are. Because people matter, we can love our neighbor, even if we disagree with them—because the person should be more important than the issue. Because people matter, we should be intentional in the time we spend with our neighbor. All of this comes from the overflow of how we are loving God. Because people matter to Him, they should matter to us.

## KEY VERSES

Mark 12:28-31  
Luke 19:1-10  
Romans 13:8-10  
John 13:34-35