

Love Your Neighbor

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WARM-UP

- Growing up, how did your parents express their love and affection toward you?
- What was your most memorable birthday celebration? Why did it leave a mark on you?
- How have you shown your gratitude or appreciation to a friend or family member this week?



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The Apostle Paul encourages each of us to love one another, and Jesus exemplified this truth for us in the way He lived His life. The Bible says that love is the fulfillment of the law. In this lesson, we will learn three important truths about how we should love others.

1 Loving others is fulfilling the law.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ROMANS 13:8,9

The debt of love we owe each other is not because we

received anything from others. Rather, it is because God gave us His all when we were most undeserving of His love.
How did God show us His love? (Romans 5:8)

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We are not just supposed to seek our own happiness. The measure of seeking out our own fulfillment must be the measure of seeking out and doing good to others. How does the Bible command us to love? (Matthew 7:12)
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APPLICATION

- Share one insight that struck you in this lesson. How can you apply it in your life today?
- How does our understanding of love differ from what the Bible teaches? How can you seek the good of others this week?
- How can you love your neighbor this week? Who is one person you can share God's love with and how can you do this?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the unconditional love He has showed you.
- Pray Ephesians 3:17,18 over your Victory group today.
 Ask God for a deeper understanding of His love for you.
- Ask God for an opportunity to preach the gospel and share God's love to others, particularly to family members or friends.



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