

## TAKING IT HOME

Applying this message to everyday life

1. Would you agree that the busyness of life interferes with your actions as a loving neighbor? What could you do to slow down the hectic pace of life?
2. How could you change your thinking so that when you look in the mirror you could genuinely say as David did, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Ps 139:14
3. List a few practical things you could do to better love your neighbor as yourself.
4. Take time in prayer to ask God to help you obey this command.

*REALationships*  
#570 – Love Your Neighbor  
Matthew 22:37-39

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## Love Your Neighbor

Jesus (said): 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.

Matthew 27:37-39

### Understanding this Command

Phileo is \_\_\_\_\_ for others.

Agapao is a \_\_\_\_\_ to put the interest of others first.

To love yourself correctly you must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God for your unchangeable features.

\_\_\_\_\_ to others is not wise (2 Cor 10:12)

If we \_\_\_\_\_ God's design of us, we will \_\_\_\_\_ God's design of others.

How you view \_\_\_\_\_ is how you view others.

God's definition of \_\_\_\_\_ includes every man, woman, and child on the earth; and so should ours.

The "new" command to love (John 13:34) is new because we are now to love \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ loved us.

Learn to love your neighbor. Leave your \_\_\_\_\_ zone and take \_\_\_\_\_ to become involved in their lives.

Always Love Your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.

## Getting-To-Know-Me Questions

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. If you could change one unchangeable thing about yourself what would it be and why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. If you were to write a 6-word memoir of life, what would it be?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Can you name a time when someone loved you as themselves? What impact did this make on you?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of September 03, 2017

### Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

## DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

2. Read 1 John 4:20-21. What is the connection (or commonality) between loving God and loving our neighbors?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How many of the "one-another" commands in the New Testament can you name? How do they relate to the kind of love God asks us to share?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Read the story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37. As you reflect on your life, who have you identified with in your past: The robbers? The beaten-up traveler? The Priest? The Levite? The Samaritan? The Innkeeper?