



THE ESSENTIALS

We Are All Neighbors

Leviticus 19:34 & Matthew 22:36-40

“WEEK #2 – WE ARE ALL NEIGHBORS”

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Series: “The Essentials”

Scripture: Leviticus 19:34 & Matthew 22:36-40

SECTION 1 – SMALL GROUPS QUESTIONS

1. **Check in question** – We’re two weeks into “The Essentials” teaching series at MPC. How has God used this series to teach you, challenge you and/or direct you so far?
2. Sean shared about Fred Rogers, the television host, author, producer, and Presbyterian Reverend. Mister Rogers helped shape the way a great many people think about being a neighbor. In what ways do you think Mister Rogers modeled what being a good neighbor should look like?
3. Jesus says in Matthew 22 that the first and greatest commandment is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Then Jesus says “And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Why do you think Jesus would say that the second commandment is like the first? How are these two commandments similar, and in what ways would the second be defined by the first?
4. Leviticus 19:34 tells us that “the foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born.” It then tells them to “Love them as yourself”. In what ways is this verse similar to the passage we read in Matthew? What does it mean to treat a foreigner as native-born?

5. Both passages of scripture we read instruct us to love our neighbors, to love others, "as yourself". What do you think it means to love someone as yourself? Imagine someone who is living out these instructions; what would their life look like? How might they interact with their neighbors and the people around them?

6. Jesus Himself has called us Sons and Daughters of God, and has said that we are salt and light, and that we are agents of God's reconciliation. Jesus has said these things about us, and God has promised to empower us to serve Him through the Holy Spirit. Knowing this, what are some practical ways that you could "love your neighbor"? Where have you seen others in your small group model loving your neighbor? What is one thing you want to challenge yourself to do this week to better love your neighbor?