



Love of Neighbor as Civic Witness

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Matthew 22:37-40

Main Point

Loving others is central to following Christ and serves as a powerful witness to the world.

Part 1: Master Teacher (10 Minutes)

Introduction

What would change if you intentionally loved every person you encountered as someone created and loved by God?

Jesus makes love the foundation of both our relationship with God and others.

Biblical Teaching

1. Love God Completely (v. 37)
 - Love for God is foundational.
 - Our relationship with Him shapes everything.
 - Spiritual growth flows from loving God.
2. Love Others Intentionally (v. 39)
 - Loving others reflects God's character.
 - Love requires action.
 - Relationships are central to obedience.
3. Love Is Our Greatest Witness (v. 40)
 - Love summarizes God's commands.
 - Love reveals Christ to others.
 - Love creates opportunities for the gospel.

Takeaway

Loving others is not optional. It is central to discipleship and the primary way we reflect Christ to the world.

Part 2: Group Discussion (25 minutes)

Facilitator Guidance

- Help participants connect love with everyday relationships and gospel influence.

Discussion Questions

1. Loving God Fully

- What does it look like to love God with all your heart?
- How does your love for God shape your actions?
- How can you grow in your love for God?

2. Loving Others Intentionally

- What makes loving others difficult?
- Who is God calling you to love right now?
- What does intentional love look like this week?

3. Love in Everyday Relationships

- How do relationships create opportunities to love?
- Who do you interact with regularly?
- How can you show love in those relationships?

4. Love as a Gospel Witness

- How does love point others to Christ?
- Who might be impacted by your love?
- How can your love create gospel conversations?

Next Steps & Call to Action (5 minutes)

Facilitator Closing Thought:

When we love God fully and love others intentionally, our lives become a visible reflection of Christ to the world.

Action Step:

Show intentional love to one person this week.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for love.
- Pray for relationships.
- Pray for gospel opportunities.