

message series | october 2019

Neighboring

The art of loving our neighbors across the street,
at work, at play, at the coffee shop, on social
media—and even on the other side of the world.



“but he wanted to justify himself”

Luke 10:29

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

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The one whose walk is blameless,

who does what is righteous,

who speaks the truth from their heart;

whose tongue utters no slander,

who does no wrong to a neighbor,

and casts no slur on others;

who despises a vile person

but honors those who fear the Lord;

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If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture,
“Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.
But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted
by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the
whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty
of breaking all of it.

James 2:8-10

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5

You have heard that it was said...

- you shall not murder... I tell you do not be angry and curse your brother (5:21-22)
- you shall not commit adultery... I tell you, do not look at a woman lustfully (5:27-28)
- love your neighbor and hate your enemy... I tell you, love your enemy (5:43-44)

BIG IDEA | What is the main theme of this week's sermon?

LUKE 10:28-32 | Write in this week's sermon question:

"How do you attempt to justify yourself?"

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Romans 3:19-20

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”

“Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

“Which ones?” he inquired.

Matthew 19:16-22

Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

Matthew 19:16-22

Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Matthew 19:16-22

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”

Matthew 19:25

He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth..

Isaiah 53:7

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in
him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Self-Righteous

“you did good, so you are good”

I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

Self-Condemning

“you failed...again, so you are a failure”

This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

1 John 3:19-20

Before the Throne of God Above

*When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of
the guilt within*

*upward I look at see him there, the one who made
an end of all my sin!*

*Because the sinless savior died, my sinful soul is
counted free,*

*for God the just is satisfied to look on him and
pardon me”*

