

Sungai Way-Subang Methodist Church

Sermon



Love GOD. *Love* PEOPLE. *Make* DISCIPLES.

- Part 1 -

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28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments (OT = estimated 613 mitvah) which is the most important?”

MARK 12:28-31



29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the LORD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

MARK 12:28-31



**31 The second is this:
'Love your neighbour
as yourself.'**

**There is no commandment
greater than these." [NIV]**

MARK 12:28-31

GREAT COMMANDMENT (Mark 12:28-31)

The Great Commandment – is the marker or indicator that defines their identity.

What indicators define you as a 'Christ'-ian?

How would the community or world define the church?

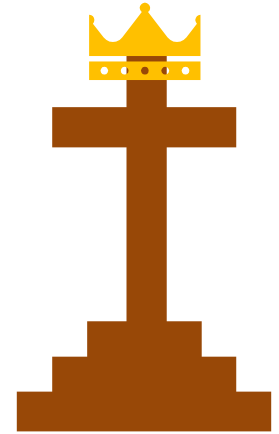


I. LOVE GOD

Shema Yisrael; “Hear, O Israel”

(Deut 6:4-5)

1. The first and most important of the commands, decrees & laws of God
2. The core & foundation:
God is One and there is no other
3. Worship, affection, loyalty,
obedience & allegiance to no one else
4. The dangers of idolatry



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4. The dangers of idolatry

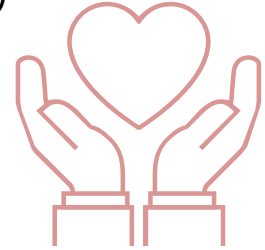
What is 'Idolatry' ?

- The worship of someone or something other than God as though it were God.



APPLICATION

Shema Yisrael; (Deut 6:4-5)
“Hear, O Israel”



1. Commit ourselves to LOVE GOD

Hear SSMC, Jesus is Saviour, King & Lord.
Love Jesus with all our heart, all our soul,
all our mind, and all our strength.

2. List out action verbs synonymous to
'LOVE GOD'. Share with someone else.

3. Go and do likewise. Share your experience.

II. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR (Lev 19:18)



16b 'Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the LORD.'

(Lev 19:16)

18b 'But love your neighbour as yourself.'

(Lev 19:18)

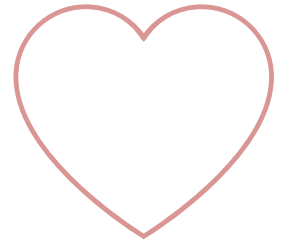
Principle:

'Do to others what you would others do to you.' (Matt 7:12)

II. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR (Lev 19:18)

“And who is my neighbour?” (Luke 10:25-36)

- Jesus redefines who a ‘neighbour’ is:
- ⁴³ “You have heard that it was said,
‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’
^{44a} But I tell you: love your enemies” (Matt 5:43-44)
- Go and do likewise.



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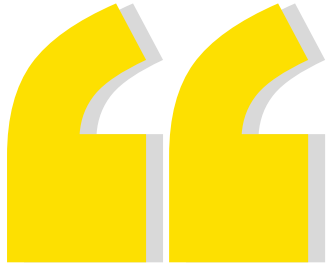
Love your neighbour
(Lev 19:18)

1. List out action verbs synonymous to 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR'.
Share with someone else.
2. Go and do likewise.
Share your experience.



CONCLUSION





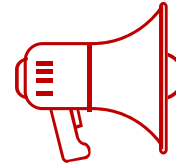
MARK
12:32-34

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

CONCLUSION



LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. MAKE DISCIPLES.

- ✓ **RELATIONAL:**
Expressed, lived out & experienced
- ✓ Let's encourage and help each other on this journey
- ✓ This is our **IDENTITY, PURPOSE & DESTINY**

CONCLUSION



QUESTIONS:

- What indicators identify you as a 'Christ'-ian?
- How would the community or world identify the church?

ACTION:

- List your action verbs synonymous to 'Love God'.
- List your action verbs synonymous to 'Love Your Neighbour'.
- Go and do likewise.
When you meet again, share your experience.