

Going Deeper

In Romans 13, Paul quotes one of the key 'summaries of the Law': "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18). It is a verse commended by Jesus in Luke 10:25-37. However, the question, 'Who is my neighbour?' leads Jesus to respond with the famous parable of the Good Samaritan?

Read Luke 10:25-37

4. Why does the teacher of the Law ask the question, 'Who is my neighbour?'. What answer do you think he was hoping for?
5. How do the Priest and Levite fail to obey the command to 'love your neighbour'? What do you think the man who was attacked would have felt about them?
6. What kind of person helps the man? Why is this surprising? (cf. John 4:9; 8:48)
7. What is impressive about the amount of help given by the Samaritan? How would the attacked man feel about him?
8. How does this story answer the original question? What does it teach us about what it means to 'love your neighbour as yourself'?
9. Some commentators argue that the 'Good Samaritan' in the parable is meant to be a picture of Jesus. How is the behaviour of the Good Samaritan like that of Jesus? (cf. Romans 5:8)

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 13th October 2019**

Growth Team News

Most Growth Teams have now finished the course *Fruitfulness on the Frontline*, so we are moving back to our normal pattern of following up the Sunday morning talks.

This is, however, the last week for Growth Teams before half-term. Growth Teams will start again the week beginning Sunday 3rd November.

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to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



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Romans 13:8-14 (page 1140)

Space to take notes on the talk

A _____ Past

A _____ Future

A _____ Present

➤ Because of God's _____, we _____

➤ Because of our _____ future,
we live in the _____

Getting to know each other:

❖ What difference has knowing Jesus made to your life?

Responding to the talk

1. What was the key point that you learnt from this week's talk?
2. Read 13:8-10
 - a. What has Paul already taught us about God's 'love' in Romans? (Look up 5:5-8; 8:31-39)
 - b. What motivates us to love others as God loves us? (Look up 12:1, 9)
 - c. Why do we fulfil the Law when we 'love' in this way?
 - d. How do each of the commands listed in verse 9 stop us doing 'harm to our neighbour'?
 - e. Do we as Christians still need the Ten Commandments? (cf. Exodus 20:1-17; cf. 7:7-13)
3. Read 13:11-14
 - a. What has Paul already taught us about our future as Christians? (Look up 5:1-2; 6:23; 8:18, 23-24, 35-39)
 - b. What does 'darkness' or 'night' refer to and what does 'light' or 'daylight' refer to in these verses?
 - c. What are we to take off and put on? What is surprising about what we are to put on? Why does Paul describe it in this way?
 - d. How are the behaviours listed in vs. 13 deeds of darkness?
 - e. What are Christians to do and not do in vs. 14?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. How would you respond to someone who said that Christianity is just an outdated set of rules to live by?
10. Of the deeds of darkness listed in verse 13, which have you been most tempted to take part in? How do these verses help you to resist that temptation?