**Bible Memory 2019-2020**

Theme: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

*Theme Verse: Mt 22:39 “The second [commandment] is like it:*

*love your neighbor as yourself”*

September – “Love your neighbor as yourself is a high level commandment” - Mt. 22:34-40

October – “Loving your neighbor is what Jesus demonstrated to us” – Romans 5:5-8

November – “Loving your neighbor is an indicator of your faith” – James 2:14-20

December – “Loving your neighbor means denying yourself” – Matthew 16:24-27

January – “Loving your neighbor means not bearing grudges” – Lev. 19:15-18

February – “Loving your neighbor involves helping in times of need” – Mt. 7:7-12

March – “Loving your neighbor as yourself may put you out of your way” – Luke 10:29b-37

April – “Loving Your Neighbour needs love defined” – I Corinthians 13:1-8a

May – “Loving Your Neighbour Starts with Your Heart” – I John 2:4-11

**September - “Love your neighbor as yourself is a high level commandment”**

**Matthew 22:34-40**

**Sept 3-**

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

**Sept 9 -**

35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

36“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

**Sept 16 -**

37 Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

**Sept 23 -**

39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

**October – “Loving your neighbor is what Jesus demonstrated to us”**

**Romans 5:5-8**

**Sept 30**

5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**Oct 7 -**

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

**Oct 14** -

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**November – “Loving your neighbor is an indicator of your faith” James 2:14-20**

**Oct 21**

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

**Oct 28**

16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

**Nov 4**

17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

**Nov 11**

18 But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

**Nov 18**

19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

**December – “Loving your neighbor means denying self” Matthew 16:24-27**

**Nov 25**

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

**Dec 2**

25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

**Dec 9**

26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

**Dec 16**

27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

**January – “Loving your neighbor means not bearing grudges” Lev. 19:15-18**

**Jan 7**

15 Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

**Jan 13**

16 Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.

**Jan 20**

17 Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

18 Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

**February – “Loving your neighbour involves helping in times of need” Matthew 7:7-12**

**Jan 27**

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**Feb 3**

8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**Feb 17**

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Feb 24**

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**March – “Loving your neighbor may put you out of your way” Luke 10:29b-37**

**Mar 2**

29b “who is my neighbor?”

30  In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

**Mar 9**

31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

**Mar 16**

33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

**Mar 23**

35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

**Mar 30**

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

**April** **– “Loving your neighbor needs Love Defined” I Corinthians 13:1-8a**

**April 6**

1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

**April 20**

3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

**April 27**

5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

6 Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.

7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails

**May – “Loving your neighbor starts in your heart”** **I John 2:4-11**

**May 4**

4  Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

5  But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:

**May 11**

6  Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

7  Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.

**May 18**

8  Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

9  Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.

**May 25**

10 Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

11 But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.