

JUNE 2, 2019

REACHING TOWARD

TALK IT OVER

I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you.  
(John 15:12)

**Tenacious love reaches toward " \_\_\_\_\_ ."**

**"Neighborly" mandates in the Old Testament Law:**

(6 of the 10 commandments address conduct with our neighbor)

Share with	<u>Ex 12:4</u>	Don't bear grudges	<u>Ex 19:17</u>
Love	<u>Ex 19:18</u>	Respect of property	<u>Ex 22:9</u>
Don't slander	<u>Ex 19:16</u>	Return borrowed property	<u>Ex 22:26</u>
Assure safety	<u>Ex 19:16</u>	Show kindness	<u>Pr 14:21</u>
Be honest	<u>Ex 19:18</u>	Don't loan money	<u>Pr 17:18</u>
Owed fair wages	<u>Le 19:13</u>	Don't overstay welcome	<u>Pr 25:17</u>
Due justice	<u>Le 19:15</u>	Don't lie about	<u>Deut 5:20</u>
Get along	<u>Isa 3:5</u>	Don't be envious	<u>Deut 5:21</u>
Don't plot against	<u>Zec 3:10</u>	Respect his land	<u>Deut 27:17</u>

(Matt 22:36-40; Gal 5:14; 1John 4:20-21)

➔ Jesus constantly \_\_\_\_\_ "neighbor."  
Luke 10:25-36; Matt 12:46-50

➔ Jesus constantly surprised people with  
\_\_\_\_\_. Luke 13:18-19; Rev 7:9

**Jesus' command to love requires that we**  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Obstacles To Reaching Toward:**

- My \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.
- My limited view of \_\_\_\_\_.
- I stopped \_\_\_\_\_.
- I lost \_\_\_\_\_.

*Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:*

What thought stands out most from the message?

When you think of loving your neighbor, who do you think of? In what ways did the message change or challenge how you define "neighbor?" What questions do you have about how to love your neighbor as Jesus did?

What concerns do you have about "inclusion?" How do you think Jesus would address your concerns? What changes would you like to make in order to be more like Christ in how you are inclusive?

Which of the obstacles to loving your neighbor tenaciously is your biggest challenge? What steps are you willing to take in order to change? What obstacles (for you) weren't on the list?

What questions remain for you about the message?

JUNE 2, 2019

REACHING TOWARD

I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you.  
(John 15:12)

**Tenacious love reaches toward "THE OTHER."****"Neighborly" mandates in the Old Testament Law:**

(6 of the 10 commandments address conduct with our neighbor)

Share with	<a href="#">Ex 12:4</a>	Don't bear grudges	<a href="#">Ex 19:17</a>
Love	<a href="#">Ex 19:18</a>	Respect of property	<a href="#">Ex 22:9</a>
Don't slander	<a href="#">Ex 19:16</a>	Return borrowed property	<a href="#">Ex 22:26</a>
Assure safety	<a href="#">Ex 19:16</a>	Show kindness	<a href="#">Pr 14:21</a>
Be honest	<a href="#">Ex 19:18</a>	Don't loan money	<a href="#">Pr 17:18</a>
Owed fair wages	<a href="#">Le 19:13</a>	Don't overstay welcome	<a href="#">Pr 25:17</a>
Due justice	<a href="#">Le 19:15</a>	Don't lie about	<a href="#">Deut 5:20</a>
Get along	<a href="#">Isa 3:5</a>	Don't be envious	<a href="#">Deut 5:21</a>
Don't plot against	<a href="#">Zec 3:10</a>	Respect his land	<a href="#">Deut 27:17</a>

(Matt 22:36-40; Gal 5:14; 1John 4:20-21)

**➔ Jesus constantly REDEFINED "neighbor."**

Luke 10:25-36; Matt 12:46-50

**➔ Jesus constantly surprised people with INCLUSION.** Luke 13:18-19; Rev 7:9

**Jesus' command to love requires that we  
WIDEN OUR CIRCLE.**

**Obstacles To Reaching Toward:**

- My HURRIED LIFE.
- I'm a FORTRESS PROTECTOR, not a HOSPITAL WORKER.
- My limited view of DISCIPLESHIP.
- I stopped GROWING.
- I lost MY FIRST LOVE.

**TALK IT OVER**

*Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:*

What thought stands out most from the message?

When you think of loving your neighbor, who do you think of? In what ways did the message change or challenge how you define "neighbor?" What questions do you have about how to love your neighbor as Jesus did?

What concerns do you have about "inclusion?" How do you think Jesus would address your concerns? What changes would you like to make in order to be more like Christ in how you are inclusive?

Which of the obstacles to loving your neighbor tenaciously is your biggest challenge? What steps are you willing to take in order to change? What obstacles (for you) weren't on the list?

What questions remain for you about the message?