

Question 76

Name _____

Q76. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A76. To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.

Scripture Base: Ex 20; Deut 5; Matt 22:34-40
Luke 6:31; Rom 13:8-10 .

Doctrine: WCF 19:2 SC 42

Supplementary Questions

1. What one word can you use to summarize God's Law?
2. Whom are you to love?
3. Why are you to love God and your neighbor?
4. How can you love God and others in this way?

Songs: "The Greatest Commandment",
"The Ten Commandments" – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review Q75 What do the last six commandments teach? – *Our duty to our fellow men.*

Story Matt 22:34-40 The Lawyer's Question.

Questions

1. What does it mean to summarize something? It means to abbreviate, to boil it down to its simplest form. Example: How would you summarize the Gospel? Answer: John 3:16 *What summarizes God's Law? Love* summarizes the Law. This is what God wants you to do.
2. You are to love **God** most of all (Matt. 22:35-38). And you are to love **your neighbor** as you love yourself (vv. 39-40, Rom 13:8-10, Luke 6:31.)
3. **God commands you to** do so, as we've seen. It is the right thing to do. God is perfect; He has given you life and everything you have; He also offers you eternal life in Christ; He is worthy of your love. Treating others the way you want them to treat you is also good, loving and considerate.
4. **You can't.** Matt. 19:24. Only God can give you this love: v. 26. The Spirit is able to create this love in your heart Gal 5:22-23.

Gospel: This is the kind of love God requires of you. Do you love your neighbor - as much as you love yourself? - the way God commands? Do you love God? - with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength - as He commands you to love Him? If you're honest, you'll have to answer no. You haven't loved God as you should for even one moment. But you must love God and your neighbor as God commands, from the heart, if you are to enter into heaven. So how will you? You can't do it on your own. You need to trust in the only person who ever has done these things: Jesus has both loved His Father and His neighbor perfectly. If you trust in Him, the Father will accept what He did for you. He will also give you His Holy Spirit to make you able to love God and your neighbor in the way He commands.

Extras: Shape and mark Play Doh Stone tablets.
(Need paper plates & plastic bags for take-home)

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