

Question 77

Name _____

Q77. Who is your neighbor?

A77. All my fellow men are my neighbors.

Scripture Base: Matt 5:43-45, 22:37;

Luke 10:25-37; Gal 6:10

Doctrine: WCF 19:2 SC 42

Supplementary Questions.

1. What does “neighbor” mean?

2. What are you to do for your neighbor?

3. How are you to love your neighbor?

Songs: “The Greatest Commandment” &
“The Ten Commandments” – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review Q76. What is the sum of the ten commandments? - *To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.*

Story: Luke 10: 25-37: The Good Samaritan.

Supplementary Questions.

1. It means “one who is near.” *Who is near you?*
 - Those who live around you. - Your family members.
 - Those in your church. - Those in need around you.

Everyone's near me in some way, so everyone is my neighbor.
2. You are to love them. (*Gal. 6:10*). “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (*Matt. 22:37*). What about your enemies: are they your neighbors? Do you need to love them as well? Yes. (*Matthew 5:43-45*). Example of the Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37. The Jew was the Samaritan's enemy. But he was near and in need, so the Samaritan showed him love by helping him.
3. Obey the commandments with respect to them. You must:
 - submit to & honor those in authority over you (family, church, state).
 - protect your neighbor's life:
 - protect their purity.
 - protect their property:
 - protect their reputation: don't say things that aren't true about them.
 - guard your own heart against wanting the things they have.

Gospel: Jesus says you must be perfect to enter heaven. To be perfect, you must love your neighbor as yourself. Have you done this? No, you haven't, and because of this you can't enter heaven by yourself. You need help. Jesus is the only One who has loved both His Father and His neighbor perfectly. If you trust in Him to save you, not only will He take away your failures, He will give you His perfect obedience. Trust in Jesus and turn from your sins, and He will save you.

Extras: Think of all the people they may NOT have considered as neighbors before, whether inside or outside the fellowship or in other cities, states and countries. Remind them of the Great Commission (*Matt. 28:18-20*) and how taking the Gospel to other countries is loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Worksheet - The Good Samaritan.

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