

VINEYARD church

PRAYER & FASTING

DAY 14

Scripture Focus

"But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

-Matthew 22:34-40 (NLT)

Why am I in this world?

If someone were to ask why I am in this world, this would be the answer. Love God and your neighbor. Jesus says it, there is none more important than these two. They are two things that go totally hand in hand. They are proportional, the more I love God the more I love my neighbor, the more I love my neighbor the more I love God.

Jesus defines who is the neighbor with a story, which we know as the parable of the Samaritan, where he identifies the neighbor with the person who is far from being the closest to me. Rather, he is the different one, the one who is not part of my circle, perhaps my enemy. Then we conclude that we exist for them too, to love them.

Who is my neighbor?

Can you make a list of who your neighbor is in everyday life?

Which people are outside your circle that you can include in your life today to love them?

Where and when will I see these people today?

How can I show love to my neighbor today?

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40)

Do something for Jesus today, do something for your neighbor today.

Prayer

Lord, I recognize that I need to see the people around me through your eyes, cleanse my senses, so that they connect with yours. Forgive me if I have passed by in life without seeing the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of those around me. Give me your heart, fill me with your love and your Spirit to love you and my neighbor. Amen.

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