

Gospel for October 25, 2020 - lesson for 4th-6th grade

Read the below Gospel slowly. What word or phrase jumps out at you? Read it again then think about the answers to the first couple questions. Read it again, slowly, and think about the answers to the next couple questions. Continue to re-read the Gospel and think about possible answers. Do you think you get a deeper understanding by re-reading the story multiple times? Do you find yourself focusing on different parts?

Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

- ◆ What do you think it means to love God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind?
- ◆ How might we act if we love God?
- ◆ Who do you think Jesus means when he uses the word neighbor?
- ◆ How might we act if we love our neighbors?
- ◆ Why did Jesus say that the entire Law of Moses and the prophets depends on loving God and loving our neighbors?
- ◆ How would the world be different if everyone followed Jesus' teaching about love?
- ◆ When is it hard to love?
- ◆ When is it easy to love?
- ◆ Name one way we can love God or our neighbor.

Action item: Pick something to do this week that shows your love for God. Pick something to do that shows your love for neighbor.