

Loving P.W.C. Through Christ

Mark 12:29-31 With Jesus' Love We Move Toward our Neighbors

Introduction: At Friendship Baptist Church we are growing our culture of gospel evangelism so that we can reach our neighbor's deepest need. Our text last week reminded us that being moved by Jesus creates the reason and the energy we need to tell others His gospel good news. Today, our text shows us that we must help our neighbor see their need for Jesus. We help them see that He meets their need. We will listen to them & move to them

I. Jesus' gospel confronts mankind's personal stories

Natural man's way of thinking about human needs, motivations

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

1. Psychological
2. Security
3. Love & Belonging
4. Self-esteem
5. Self-actualization

This was how the Jewish scribe confronted Jesus, and it is mankind's story

The gospel of Jesus' forgiveness and freedom challenges man to the core!

II. The first and greatest command - Love God!

Heart

Soul

Mind

Strength

III. The second – Love your neighbor

As yourself – v. 31

Application: To love your neighbor you must listen to the neighbor's story.

To show them the solution, we must help them see their version of their own story and learn how far from God they really are. Do we long to see them flourishing as new in Christ as Peter & John saw the lame beggar already through the hope of the good news! Let's pray for each other that we are encouraging a culture of listening, engaging, and offering his salvation to our neighbors.

Mark 12:29-31 ESV

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important command is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."