



*Welcome to
Sierra Community
Church*

There is a time for
everything, and a
SEASON for every
activity under
heaven

Core Values Classes

101

Mission &
Membership

October 29th 6:30 - 8pm

Disciplines
For Life

201

November 5th 6:30 - 8pm

301

Designed
To Serve

November 12th 6:30 - 8pm

Sharing
Your Story

401

November 19th 6:30 - 8pm

The Servant King



The story of the **King**... who came to **serve**.



Mark

12: 28-34

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3 Previous Challenges...

11:28 "By what authority... And who gave you authority?"

12:14 Is it right to pay the imperial tax?

12:18 Then the Sadducees.. came to him with a question.

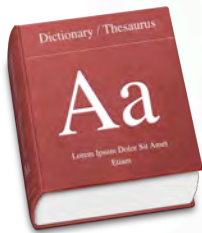
Which commandment is most important?

613 to choose from!!!

them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.' 30 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: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

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Love your neighbor...



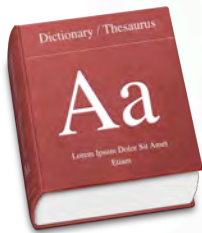
ἀγαπάω = Love

-indicating a direction of the will and finding one's joy in something or someone.

(Complete Word Study Dictionary)

-to welcome, to entertain, to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing. (BlueLetterBible)

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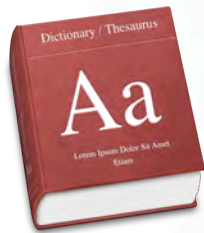


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John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

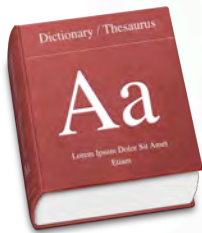
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James 2:8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “**Love your neighbor as yourself,**” you are doing right.

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Gal. 5:14 The entire law is
summed up in a single
command: “**Love your
neighbor as yourself.**”

3 Basic Christian Principles

1. Loving God & loving others is a *choice*.

2. Spirituality is *practical*.

3. Our love for others is a *reflection* of God's love for us!

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

32 "Well said, teacher," the man

Matt. 5:23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

and sacrifices."

34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

“You are not far from the Kingdom of God...”

Jesus is impressed that he affirms the truth BUT Jesus expects his actions to reflect God’s love in how he treats others.

more questions.




WALK AWAY REMEMBERING...

1. KNOWING IT'S OK TO ASK QUESTIONS.
2. THAT LOVE MEANS LISTENING.
3. GOD'S LOVE IN YOU CHANGES
THE WORLD!

"A fresh, blunt and highly
persuasive account of how the
West was won—for Jesus."
—Newsweek

THE RISE OF CHRISTIANITY



How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant
 Religious Force in the Western World in a Few Centuries

RODNEY STARK

“Our care for the derelict and our active love have become our distinctive sign before the enemy ... See, they say, how they love one another and how ready they are to die for each other.”

(Apology 39)



Tertullian

We who used to value the acquisition of wealth and possessions more than anything else now bring what we have into a common fund and share it with anyone who needs it. We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies."

Justin Martyr - 165 AD



“I think that when the poor happened to be neglected and overlooked by the priest, the impious Galileans observed this and devoted themselves to benevolence... (They) support not only their poor, but ours as well, everyone can see that our people lack aid from us.” 362AD





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God in an amazing place!*