

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of December 11, 2016

Luke 10:27

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.

Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

New International Version (NIV)

He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Connection Questions:

1. Read Exodus 34:10-16. How is God described?

2. Was the Mosaic covenant one of merit or mercy? Why is this important to the Hebrews? Why is this important to us today?

3. What does “God is jealous” mean to you? Is this a positive image or a negative image to you? Why?

4. God created us with a heart so that we would love him wholly and absolutely. Today, however, our hearts love many things besides God. We would find it difficult to pray with the psalmist, “Whom do I have in heaven but you? And besides you there is nothing I desire on earth” (Psalm 73:25). So how can we obey the Lord’s command to “love the Lord your God with your whole heart”?

5. Read 1 John 4:19. Why do we love because God first loved us?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 3:16-18. These verses liken human beings to mirrors that reflect what they behold. What do they tell us about our ability to love God?