

# Handout 12

## All you need is love — relationships

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God loves us! It's as simple and as amazing as that. He doesn't love us because of what we look like, or what we have achieved, or even because of our faith.

**When we were still sinners he died for us. When we were along way off, he came looking for us. When we were downcast and lost he found us and lifted us up.**

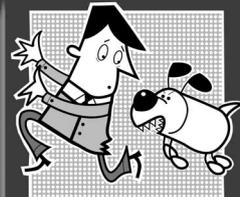
Now he challenges us to love and value everyone – whoever they are – with that same unconditional, free love.



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Write an email address for yourself that describes you –

Now write an email address for Jesus that describes **him** –



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#### The Golden Rule

Someone who once asked Jesus about rules summarized the rules of the Old Testament in one sentence:

**'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind' and**

**'Love your neighbours as much as you love yourself.'**

*Luke 10.27 CEV*

Christians are called to live by this 'Golden Rule'.

- We are called to love God with every part of our being.
- We are called to love ourselves.
- We are called to love others.



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## Loving your enemy

The 'Golden Rule' tells us to love our neighbour. This is the story Jesus told to answer the question, 'Who is my neighbour?'

**As a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, robbers attacked him and grabbed everything he had. They beat him up and ran off, leaving him half dead.**

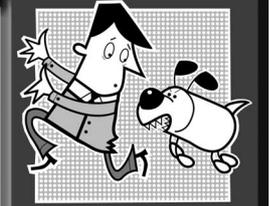
**A priest happened to be going down the same road. But when he saw the man, he walked by on the other side. Later a temple helper came to that same place. But when he saw the man who had been beaten up, he also went by on the other side.**

**A man from Samaria then came travelling along that road. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and went over to him. He treated his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put him on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next morning he gave the innkeeper two silver coins and said, 'Please take care of the man. If you spend more than this on him, I will pay you when I return.'**

**Then Jesus asked, 'Which of these three people was a real neighbour to the man who was beaten up by robbers?'**

**The teacher answered, 'The one who showed pity.'**

**Jesus said, 'Go and do the same!'**

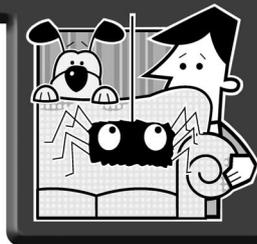


Luke 10.30-37 CEV

Jews and Samaritans were enemies! Our neighbour isn't just someone we get on with.

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Pray for the people you find it difficult to get on with. Ask God to bless them.



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Jesus says, 'Love your enemies and pray for anyone who ill-treats you?'

Matthew 5.44 CEV

How can you do that this week?



do something about it

Stand up for each other. During *Youth Emmaus* you've spent quite a lot of time with the other people in the group. Look out for each other during the week. Help other group members if you know they are having difficulties.



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Next week: Your money and your life.

