

Liturgical Date: Year A, Pentecost 21, October 25th, 2020

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Focus Reading Matthew 22:34-46

Message 9 minutes 50 seconds Title: "Golden Rule, Golden Truth"

Discussion Starters

- 1 Imagine listening to Jesus speak about the most important commandments. What was the response and what questions would you ask him?
- 2 Are there aspects of this two-layered commandment to love others as yourself that particularly challenge you now?
- 3 Thinking of your church community, what practices or relationships could be transformed by drawing on Jesus' wisdom around loving God, loving others, and self?
- 4 Talk to Jesus (and a trusted friend or loved one) about anything you might do differently or have a deeper awareness of because of today's message.

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 God allows Moses to see the promised land, yet Moses will not cross over. Moses dies with great honour: yet to this day no one knows where he is buried.

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 Ascribed to Moses, this corporate lament describes God as eternal amidst human frailty. It asks God to show compassion to God's fragile servants.

Thessalonians 2:1-8 Paul reminds the Thessalonians how he and others came among them with God's gospel: not with greed or trickery, but sharing themselves as a gentle nurse.

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All Age Message; Pastor Kim "**Bits of glass, lots of love**"

On her morning walk Kim found a smashed bottle all over the road. She knew she should clean it up to protect any elderly people who may walk on it, to protect dogs and birds of nature and to protect herself when she would ride her bike later on. This seemed to be an example of taking part in the Commandment, "Loving God, loving neighbours and Loving herself".

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, page 311-312

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