**Q44. How should we love our neighbor?**

We should love our neighbor as ourselves, treating them how we want to be treated. This is truthful, sacrificial, and selfless love.

1. In this lesson we learned that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to love our neighbor selflessly. How is it that these two concepts are not in conflict with each other?
2. Why is it so wrong to think that we should focus on loving ourselves first in order to love our neighbor as ourselves?
3. Read Philippians 2:3-4. How does conceit and humility affect our ability to love our neighbor as ourselves?
4. How does the gospel empower us to think more highly of others than we do of ourselves?
5. The command to rebuke those in sin is prevalent throughout scripture. Read Luke 17:3, 1 Tim. 5:20, 2 Tim. 4:2, and Titus 1:13.

How are you doing at giving and receiving rebuke? Do you see the good value in it?

1. Sometimes the truth can be hard to hear, and sometimes even harder to speak. What role does our faith play in conquering our fear to speak the truth in love?
2. We saw in Leviticus 19:17 that we can incur sin by holding onto hatred in our heart. What role does forgiveness play in how we deal with our heart?
3. How does the great and first commandment, to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind produce the kind of love for our neighbor that it should?

*Final Application and Takeaways:*

1. Don’t let tonight’s lesson be just head knowledge. Think of some specific steps you can take this week to begin growing in obedience to God’s loving commands. We cannot truly, selflessly, sacrificially love our neighbor as ourselves if we are not practicing it in an ongoing way with the brothers and sisters God has placed us in community with. Remember that the key to loving our neighbor starts first with loving God. If you are struggling to love your neighbor, you need to fuel your love for God. What changes can you make to do this better?