

The Second Greatest Command: Love your Neighbor

VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozsxb45zMFM>

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal for this session is for young people to understand the meaning of The Second Greatest Commandment and to shift their thinking from worrying about themselves, to caring about what happens to other people.

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This video features Fr. Chris O'Reilly from Columbia University in New York discussing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. In this speech he shares why he thinks the priest and the Levite didn't stop – because they were worried about what would happen to them if they did stop and help the injured man.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, why do you think the first two people passed by the injured man?
2. Would you be willing to share about a time when you didn't intervene for someone in need, but you wish you had?
3. How can you live "dangerous unselfishness" at school, in your family?
4. What are some things that you would have to sacrifice to be "dangerously unselfishness"?
5. The Good Samaritan was the one who stopped to help. Samaritans were outcasts. What does this say about how the world's values compare to what matters to God? Do you think the Good Samaritan was more willing to help because they were an outcast?

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Christ calls us to lay down our lives for each other. What would happen if we didn't help a person in need? When we understand that we are called to give without counting the cost, we can be people who live dangerous unselfishness, just as Christ did.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you are love. Help us to be fearless in helping our neighbor, whom you call us to love. Give us the strength to practice "dangerous unselfishness" and to never count the cost of our giving. We love you Lord. Amen.