



What if . . . it's as simple as Love your Neighbor?

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The Jesus Model

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Gal. 5:6

The Religious Model is _____ centered

The Jesus Model is centered on the _____ beside _____

This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you – John 15:12

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." – Galatians 5:14

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What Does Love Require of Me? – Matt. 25:31-40

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Your devotion to God is **illustrated**, **demonstrated**, and **authenticated** by your _____.

Whatever you do _____ one of them, it's like you are doing it _____.

Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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2. We often see that Christians are often more concerned with following rules than in the ways they treat or mistreat others. How have you seen this played out? What are some of the costs of this kind of behavior? How might it influence the way unchurched people view God?
3. Read Matthew 25:31–40. In what ways does this passage challenge your assumptions about God? What are its implications in your daily life? What is one group of people that is different from you and that you find it difficult to love? Consider the words of Matthew 25:31–40 in light of that group. What are some obstacles you would have to overcome to love that group of people?
4. Think about a difficult relationship in your life. Within the context of that relationship, what does love require of you? Be specific. What can this group do to support you and hold you accountable as you move to love that person?

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