

## May's Teaching Theme: Justice

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题目 Topic: 在疫情中反思主耶稣的大诫命与大使命

经文 Scripture: Matthew 太22:35-40; 28:18-20

**Monthly Idea:** According to the Bible, true “Justice,” seeks out the most vulnerable in society in order to provide protection and opportunity for flourishing. The righteous are those willing to disadvantage themselves to the advantage of the community. The wicked are those willing to disadvantage the community to the advantage themselves.

The heart of Christian justice is loving your neighbor even when it cost you something. Love calls us both to material generosity providing for those in need and spiritual generosity sharing the Good News that Jesus is the Christ/King.

### Resources:

Video: [Bible Project “Justice”](#) [English]

Video: [Bible Project “Justice”](#) [Chinese]

\*\*If you haven't viewed this video yet as a group watch it\*\*

Video: [Bible Project “The Law”](#) [English]

Video: [Bible Project “The Law”](#) [Chinese]

\*This video helps put the Great Commandment and Commission in Context of the Biblical Story\*

Romans 13:8 **“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.”** 凡事都不可亏欠人、惟有爱人的心要常以为亏欠。爱人的就完全了律法。

### Discussion Questions:

1. Read Matthew 22:34-40 & 28:16-20 together. What observations do you make and what stands out to you? How would you summarize these passages?
2. 在疫情中你要如何在身心灵上帮助我们身边有需要的人？  
In the pandemic of COVID-19, how are you going to share your love and cares to your neighbors in terms of physical needs, spiritual supports, and spiritual needs?
3. 在疫情中你要如何把握机会，负起传福音的大使命？  
In the midst of a pandemic, how are you going to grasp the opportunity to share the Gospel?
4. 在疫情中神对你的生命有什么呼召与计划？  
What is the calling of God to you in the pandemic of COVID-19? What is his plan for your life?
5. Pray about these matters together.

### Important Notes (for leaders):

- Jesus fulfilled the law and summarized it in the call to love God and love your neighbor as yourself.
- “Love of neighbor” is behavior in solidarity with the community rather than a feeling. In Christianity the “neighbor” was/is applied universally to all fellow human beings who are in need and was understood in terms of the love of one’s enemy.
- It appears to be a basic tone of the entire biblical tradition that God and the neighbor are not to be torn apart, that one cannot love God alone without loving the neighbor, and that loving God is demonstrated primarily in obedience to his commandments. It is also clear, however, that the love of God is not the same as the love of neighbor and that one’s relationship to God is not merely absorbed into one’s human relationships; instead it motivates and carries them. (Luz, Ulrich)
- The Great Command (Matt 22) and the Great Commission (Matt 28) must never be separate in thought or practices as they have been in many periods and places throughout history. We have seen many challenges and misunderstandings in our modern understanding of “mission.”
  - (1) “Mission” is a daily posture of the people of God to speak the truth of the Gospel of Jesus the Christ and seek the welfare of our fellow image-bearers in all the spaces we occupy (work, home, neighborhood, etc.). “Missions” then is not primarily “going overseas,” though this is certainly a part of it.
  - (2) When telling others the Good News that Jesus is King in both word and action, we must be careful to not insist upon or spread our various social-cultural understanding of “good” or “right” that we often attach to the Gospel. We must fight to understand what is the Gospel and what is our cultural experiences & customs. This was the downfall of much of Western Missions in the 19th-20th century, that it spread more “Western Ideals,” than Gospel truth. This same challenge faces us today, that we don’t elevate our cultural customs & understandings to Gospel truth.
  - To be a person “on mission,” one must be reliant upon the Holy Spirit to see people in your spaces whom you can extend yourself to both love and share the good news of Jesus the King.

### Summary Notes from Sermon (Elder Yin):

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新冠的数据惊人。世界，美国，肯德基疫情在蔓延。不是短暂的，从中了解神的心意。

不要忘了神的大戒命（太22：35-40）和大使命（太28：19）

大使命要爱神和有爱神的行为，象奉献金钱，约一书3：18。1john3:18. 信心要有行动。让人感觉到神是爱。疫情每一个人受影响。但受影响的人也要去帮助人。有形的教会关了但无形的教会继续。爱神爱人有行动。神的爱有行动，自己的孩子给我们。我们能做什么？

1, 物质的供应：捐食品给需要的人。你有没有参与？送口罩。如果找到有需要的人？

美国失业率大幅增长

2, 心理上的安慰和鼓励

线上问候与祷告（关怀），忧郁，忧伤，自杀。当你觉得没有人关心你的时候，你应该去关心别人。

小组的讨论来相互帮助。彼此分担，关心老年人。

3, 灵心上的喂养。牧养小羊。网络课程。网络辅导。基督教电影和诗歌分享。坚持不懈。

加6：9-10行善不可丧志

彼前4:7-10万物结局近了

二，大使命（太28：18-20）“去”

1, 传媒体去

2, 关怀去

3, 祷告去

疫情中人们失去了平时的依靠

失业

股市

破产

最强的军事也没用

失去了家人

要把握机会传福音

在疫中有很多时间做很多事但不要忘了大使命，要去，继续扩张神的国度。透过我们基督徒来传递神的爱。

Reflection on the great commandment and the great commission of Jesus Christ in the pandemic of COVID-19

Covid19 update: the pandemic is still spreading, have not found the solution yet. 5.3 million worldwide, 1.6 million in the US alone, KY 8,300 cases! Maybe a long fight, don't forget the great commission and commitment of Christ

The great commandment: love God and love our neighbors mat 22

Through loving others, we see the love of God since we cannot see God. 1john 4:20 if love God yet hate brothers, he is a liar.

1john3:18 love not in word only but in deed and truth

James2:15-17 faith without deeds is dead

Express God's love through our actions. In this pandemic, each of us is affected in certain ways, some may have much more needs than us, need our help despite our inconvenience.

God shows his love by sacrificing his only son. We need to express our love to the unseen God through caring for others

1. Foods support for the needy: the churches provide food to the indigenous people in Malaysia.

Have to walk miles

Feed the frontline Kentucky, help the medical workers by providing fresh meals from local restaurants

Volunteers from our church

Making homemade masks for the unmasked people

So many people on unemployment, more than 36.5millions jobless

2. Show your comfort & encouragement

Online greetings and prayers

Take your initiative to call others

Online cell group meeting: bible study, praise, and worship, share, and prayer, support each other

3. Feed your sheep

Online worship

Online theological courses, many free

Online counseling

Christian movies, videos, and songs

Gal6:9-10, let us not be weary in doing good... don't give up...

1 Peter 4:7-10 end time is near... love each other.. for love covers a multitude of sins...

The great commission: go, makes disciples of all nations;

In pandemic quarantine and distancing

1. Your media still can go, don't waste time on other social

2. Caring still can go

3. Prayers still can go

4. You still can go

In the pandemic, people have lost all kinds of dependences

1. 36.5 million jobless

2. Money and companies bankruptcy filings

3. Soldiers, US armies, many people lost loved ones

Grasp this opportunity to share the good news of the gospel, Jesus is the only hope for the hopeless

You can still carry out the great commission and great commandment when stay at home, now, during, and after the pandemic, we must do.