



The Golden Rule

**Do to others as you would have them do to you.
Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Why did Jesus give commands?

- **Know how to** live - Step 3
- **Know our** problem - Step 1

Alcoholics Anonymous - Step 1 :

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol
that our lives had become unmanageable.

Survival Rate – Dramatic increase since Christ!

The Savior has Come!

How are you doing?

Loving God - with everything

Loving Neighbor - everybody - all the time

Question 5. Can you keep all this perfectly?

Answer 5. No.

Knowledge/Understanding

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives. 1 John 1:8 & 10

Confession

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9



ENCOUNTER QUESTIONS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

Review the sermon, what were the key points?

What questions did it raise for you?

What felt most important to you?

Have you had a doctor discover something wrong with you that came as a total surprise? How did you deal with it?

Think about the question of how you are doing with the Great Commandment (**Matthew 22:37-40**)?

How does the concept that everyone is inclined not toward good but toward evil (away from God) sit with you?

What arguments have you heard for or against this idea?

If people are basically good, what reason could there be for all the dis-comfort (pain, distress, evil) in the world?

Is wrong wrong even if someone doesn't know that what they are doing is wrong?

The book of Romans is one place in the Bible that speaks about the law (commands of God) letting us know what sin is and the impact. Read **Romans 7:7-13** – How does it relate to this sermon?

Now consider **Romans 8:5-7** – How does this passage point to True Comfort?

Prayer:

You are holy, so with all those who have humbled themselves before you and found forgiveness and peace, I simply pray to you, 'God, have mercy on me a sinner.'

Amen.

Luke 18:13