

**1. The two great commandments**

- a) Deuteronomy 6:5 – the first and great commandment
- b) Matthew 22:37-39 – the second great commandment
- c) What reason did the LORD give for the second great commandment? Leviticus 19:18 (I am the LORD)
- d) How is the second great commandment like the first?

**2. Love the stranger**

- a) Deuteronomy 10:19 – the next level
- b) Where else in Deuteronomy can we find an admonition to care for the stranger? Deuteronomy 5:12-14
- c) What good reasons were given to the children of Israel why they should love the stranger? Deuteronomy 10:14, 17, 19b, etc.
- d) What story of Jesus is a dramatic illustration of loving a stranger? Luke 10:30-37
- e) What good reasons do we have to love and care for the strangers in our midst? Hebrews 13:2, Matthew 25:35, Psalm 146:8-10, Matthew 7:12

**3. Don't forget you were once strangers**

- a) What revelation did the LORD give to Abram regarding his descendants? Genesis 15:13

- b) How did the children of Israel become strangers in Egypt? Genesis 46:26-34, 47:1-11
- c) When did the Egyptians begin to “afflict” these “strangers”, just as the LORD had revealed to Abram? Exodus 1:8-22
- d) Wouldn't it make sense for the children of Israel to forget all of the painful memories about the affliction their ancestors suffered in Egypt? Why was it important to remember they were once strangers?
- e) What is the application for our lives today?

**4. Judge righteously, even with strangers**

- a) Deuteronomy 16:19 Why was it important to the LORD that His people judged righteously?
- b) Deuteronomy 1:16, 24:17, 27:19 Why is there such an emphasis on treating the stranger justly?
- c) Deuteronomy 24:10-15 What practical applications of judging righteously are found in these instructions given by Moses to the children of Israel?
- d) What insights from James, leader of the Christian church in Jerusalem, help us to apply the principles discussed in our study today? James 1:27-2:9
- e) What changes would occur in our lives, our families, and our communities if we made a commitment to love strangers and treat them justly?

