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When you're playing a game, do you ever say, "Me first!"? Is that a nice thing to say? No. When you say, "Me first!" you're being selfish. You are loving yourself the most. But God says you are to love Him the most (Deuteronomy 6:5). And God says you must love our neighbor as you love yourself.

#### Who is my neighbor?

When God says "love your neighbor," he isn't just talking about the people who live next door. A neighbor can be anyone - a brother or sister, your dad or mom, other people at church or at school. We should think of everyone as a neighbor.

### How do I love my neighbor as myself?

We all love ourselves by doing things we think will make us happy. We can love others like we love ourselves by 1) treating them the way we want to be treated and 2) by putting their wants and needs ahead of our own.

- ⇒ Do you like to go first? You can love others by letting them go first.
- $\Rightarrow$  Do you like the biggest piece of dessert? You can love others by giving them the biggest piece.
- ☼ Do you like it when others help you? You can love others by helping them.
- ☆ What are some other ways you can love others as yourself?

It's not easy to love others. Our sinful and selfish hearts get in the way. We need God's help if we are going to love others as we love ourselves. Pray and ask God to help you this week as you seek to love others.