

*What were we learning
about last lesson?*

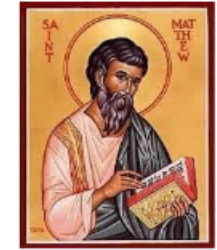




Is anything ever eternal?

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persecute - subject (someone) to hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of their race or political or religious beliefs.

What do you think this means?

Write your thoughts on your sheet or in your work book.

Session 3

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My thoughts:

What do you think Jesus meant by this?
Why might this be an important thing to do?
What is meant by "love your neighbour"?

Jesus replied, "The most important one is this: 'Listen, Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second most important commandment is this: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment more important than these two."

My thoughts:



THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SON

Luke 15:11-32

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My thoughts:

Jesus said, "Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing."

My thoughts:

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

Love is eternal. There are inspired messages, but they are temporary; there are gifts of speaking in strange tongues, but they will cease; there is knowledge, but it will pass. For our gifts of knowledge and of inspired messages are only partial; but when what is perfect comes, then what is partial will disappear.

When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am an adult, I have no more use for childish ways. What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror; then we shall see face-to-face. What I know now is only partial; then it will be complete—as complete as God's knowledge of me.

Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

My thoughts:

What have you learnt about love from these Bible passages? What did Jesus teach about love?

Once you have written down your thoughts and understanding, discuss this with someone else. Did you both have similar thoughts?