

Love Your Neighbor not Socialism

Introduction Why did Jesus come to earth?

Opening Illustration –

Biologos Love Your Neighbor – Get a Shot!

Wear Masks, Get Vaccinated, Correct Misinformation, Work For Justice, Pray
Work for Justice?

Work for justice for communities who have suffered the most deaths from COVID-19. Christians are called to be courageous in fighting for justice (Micah 6:8). We should be the least indifferent to the disadvantaged and vulnerable. Groups that have been hit hard include the elderly in nursing homes, the Navajo nation where many do not have access to clean water, and people of color who continue to experience discrimination in access to health care.

Love Your Neighbor Tour

Medication Expansion

Healthcare for all

The Love Your Neighbor Tour is a group of inter-faith, non-partisan South Dakotans lifting up the message that we thrive in community, and that loving our neighbor includes caring about their healthcare needs.

1. The Love of Christ.
 - a. He revealed true love. 1 John 4:9-11
 - b. He offered Himself. Hebrews 9:23-27
 - c. He gave voluntarily. Ephesians 2:4-5
 - d. He did not take responsibility away from us. John 8:24
2. How should we love?
 - a. According to God's will/example. Luke 10:27; John 13:34
 - b. Doing no harm. Romans 13:8-10
 - c. Voluntarily give of your own resources. Luke 12:33-34; 1 John 3:17
3. Individualism vs collectivism
 - a. Individual Matthew 22:37-39; John 14:21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19
 - b. Family Ephesians 5:28-29; 1 Timothy 5:8
 - c. Church Galatians 6:6-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
 - d. Government Psalm 99:4; Proverbs 16:13

Closing Illustration – If one does not consider the violation of another man's will to be immoral and the taking of his belongings to be immoral, and he believes that there is a collective duty to care for all people, the socialist merely looks at every other failure of socialism as a problem of execution rather than design.

The socialist then looks at a system that offers real freedom with contempt because it refuses to use what in his mind is the most powerful weapon the state has (force) to address its greatest responsibility (care for its people). The capitalist on the other hand sees government's purpose as protection of rights and the use of force against lawful activity, a violation of the very purpose of government.

The basic difference between the two is that one believes in the rights of free men while the other takes ownership of man and determines to manage his rights.

Closing Thought