



**Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.**

**Lesson No. 05                    2 - 29 October 2021**

**Title:                                The Stranger in Your Gates**

### **Pastoral Group Objectives**

This week the lesson helps us reflect upon:

- The relationship we need to build with those around us
- The second great commandment
- The attitude we should have towards others, foreigners, our neighbour

starting with those who are closest to us, our brothers, and what it means to be their keeper.

Being followers and disciples of Jesus must bring us to change our rapport with our neighbour.

In the Sabbath School group consider the importance of brotherly love, especially in light of the last message given by Jesus (John 13:34-35).

---

### **Let's Share the Word**

**Key Texts: Deuteronomy 10:19; 27:19; Matthew 7:12; Mark 12:19-31; Psalm 146:5.**

### **Themes to Explore**

1. The whole Bible gives much importance to the quality of our relationships with those around us.
2. The mission of Israel was to become a nation in which each person had equal rights and responsibilities.

### **Suggestions for Teaching and Spiritual Objectives:**

Examine yourself with respect to the key texts for this week and reflect on what needs to change in your life: **Deut 10:19; 27:19; Matt 7:12.**

### **Possible Questions for Deeper Study, Sharing and Application:**

1. Why do you think the whole Bible gives so much importance to the quality of our relationships with others?
  2. What does the story of the rewriting of the law on two new tables of stone teach us regarding the Covenant?
  3. How can we translate the principles of justice and love towards our neighbour into concrete acts and apply James 1:27?
  4. How would our world be if we applied the principles we have studied this week?
  5. What place does the commandment expressed by Jesus in Matt 7:12 occupy in our understanding of the Gospel?
- 

### **Personal Testimony and Church Mission:**

As a church where do we want to start in order to yeast for a new society? (Study concrete proposals you can act upon).