

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – The Golden Rule

Read Matthew 7:12 (to ;)

Matt 7:12 (to;) In everything do to others as you would have them do to you;
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- What does this verse mean to you?
- How did you restate this verse?
- What other verses in the Bible remind you of this verse?
- What does it mean "to do?"
- Is there any suggestion in the verse that you should wait for something to happen to you before you do good to others?
- Why is this an action verse?
- What kind of action is required of you?
- Why is this called the Golden Rule?

Help the students to thoroughly understand how their actions are to be good. If they are not, why not?

- What do we get when we withhold good from others?
- Do we want people to suffer?
 - Who do we want to see suffer?
 - How can we correct that?
- Have you ever turned an "enemy" into a friend?

Talk about Bible stories that demonstrate how to do unto others:

- Joseph forgiving his brothers for throwing him into the pit
- David forgiving Saul when he tried to kill him many times
- The Good Samaritan
- List and discuss other Bible stories that illustrate the Golden Rule.