



Discussion Questions

Matthew 26:34-40 *The Greatest Commandment*

The *shema* is regarded by many Jews as the most important prayer in Judaism (Deuteronomy 4:6-9). Marie points out that these verses serve for the Jewish community as a confession of faith and are recited in both morning and evening prayer services. Take a moment to read these verses, then consider: what is your grounding scripture? What word(s) serve as your confession of faith?

The reference to heart, soul, and mind represent the whole body, or one's entire being. What lesson might there be here about wellness?

In her sermon, Marie says "in scripture, love is not the love we love." What does she mean?

In 1520, in his *Freedom of a Christian*, Martin Luther wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." What did he mean? How are we to understand ourselves as lords and servants at the same time?

Marie states, "Whether we acknowledge it, our actions—all of our actions—whether directly or indirectly, affect those around us and creation at large." How does this help us to better understand love of neighbor?

What will you do today to love your neighbor?

