

Who Do You Love?
Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: “Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

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1. Before we get to the primary text, the Pharisees and Sadducees attempted to trap Jesus with their questions and tricky scenarios. The Pharisees ultimately came to Him, hoping to be victorious in their attempts unlike the others. Instead, Jesus responds by telling them to love God, love their neighbor, and to love themselves. How do you think the Pharisees responded to Jesus’s message of love?
2. How can we apply Jesus’ message of love to our lives and encourage those around us?
3. Is it difficult to understand the magnitude of God’s love for you? What about the magnitude of his love for others? Which is harder to believe and accept?
4. Do you ever find yourself standing in the way of someone experiencing the love of God due to your own prejudices and biases?
5. If we are commanded to love, why do you think we allow other things such as politics, worldview, etc. to stand in the way of being obedient?
6. What do you need remove or restructure in your life to place God back as the center of your life?
7. Do you think the division in the world makes it difficult for you to love yourself?