



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 22:34-46” on July 15 & 18, 2021

### CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 22:15-22 affect your week?

### DISCOVER: MATTHEW 22:23-33

1. What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
2. How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
3. Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

MATTHEW 22:34-46 As Jesus' journey to the cross becomes nearer, the Pharisees once again test Him with a question regarding what the greatest commandment in the Law is. Jesus answers their question and then presents a question of His own to them: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?" Unable to reply, the religious leaders from that day on dared ask Him any more questions.

### **THE PHARISEES' QUESTION in Matthew 22: 34-41 - from one who was an expert in the Law: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"**

- Read another perspective on this question from Mark 12:28-37; describe how the two settings and atmosphere for this same question differ and how that difference affected the outcome.
- Explain what it means to you to love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind (and, adding Mark's 'all your strength.')
- Describe someone you know whose life clearly demonstrates that they love God with all their heart, all their soul, and all their mind.....what characteristics stand out to you that you would like to emulate?
- In looking at your life, what things do others see that you are giving all your heart, soul and mind to?
- What does 'loving your neighbor as yourself' mean to you or look like in your life?
- Describe how you would explain Vs. 40 – "All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" – to an unbeliever or someone new to Christianity. Why must you obey the first commandment in order to keep the second?

### **JESUS' QUESTION TO THE PHARISEES in Matthew 22: 41-46: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?"**

- The Pharisees knew that the Messiah would be a descendant of David, but their expectations were faulty. What part of the picture were they missing, and what do you suppose caused that to happen?
- Again and again throughout His ministry Jesus had refused to allow His followers to proclaim Him as the Messiah; why do you think He chose this situation to reveal His Messiahship?
- How would you explain to an unbeliever or new believer that the Messiah is both human and divine? Why were the Pharisees shocked when Jesus revealed this to them?
- Who is Jesus to you? Is He MORE than you think He is? Do you live as though He is your Lord and Savior?

### RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

### PRAY

PRAY for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.