

## **The Two Great Commandments Matthew 22:34-46**

What empowers you to obey the two great commandments?

- I. Love God
  - A. The first great commandment (v. 34-38; Deut. 6:5)
  - B. The identity of the Messiah (v. 41-46; Ps. 110:1; Isa. 11:1, 10)
  - C. The love of God (1 John 4:10; Exod. 20:2)
- II. Love neighbor
  - A. The second great commandment (v. 39; Lev. 19:18)
  - B. The interdependence of the two commands (v. 40)
  - C. The self-denial of love (Ps. 126:5)

### **Application Guide:**

1. Why is it difficult to obey the command to love your neighbor?
2. Do you look to Jesus primarily as an example to follow or a Savior who rescues? Why is it so important to understand that love from God comes before love for God?
3. Why can't you truly love your neighbor without first loving God? How does this truth play out in your life? How are you experiencing the cost of self-denial?