

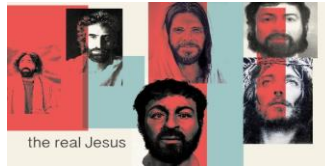
March 22, 2020

### *Prayer Life*

- Tina Tenharmel, please pray for healing and peace due to a recent medical condition.
- Mike Tenharmel, please pray for peace and healing for recent health issues.

### *Church Life*

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today! It is located right by the "Patio," look for the round rack on the outside wall.
- **Eric Lamer** is the missionary of the month. Eric works with Zeeland public middle school students to reach them with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and then disciple them through weekly Bible studies. Please grab a prayer card to take home and pray over. These cards are in the seatback pocket in front of you. Also, new missionary postcards are available in the seatback pocket for you to write a note of appreciation and encouragement to Eric! Please take one out, write a note on the backside and place the card in the blue Mission Mailbox located in the lobby.
- **Bible Reading Plan** - This year, we are encouraging our entire church to read through the Bible in one year. One of our AMAZING business leaders came up with an idea to make this more enticing. Every weekend, we will be giving away a \$50 gift card to a person who read the readings for the prior week. So here's how this works, please visit the scooter table **BEFORE** service, write your name on a ticket (if you did the readings for the week), and drop it in the bin. Then, at the end of the service, Pastor Adam will pull out a name, and someone will go home with a gift card(both services). We want to encourage our church to be in their Bibles, happy reading!
- **Grace Kids** is looking for a few volunteers to serve in the toddler class, first or second service, **and** the lower elementary class during the second service. Please contact Katy McCaul or fill out a connection card to get involved.
- Do you like to read? If so, the library is open for use! Please feel free to grab and keep any non-fiction book located on the right side of the library!



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The Real Jesus, The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34, The Greatest Commandment, <sup>34</sup> Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

**Grace Chapels Mission Statement:  
Love God, Love People, Make Disciples.**

<sup>34</sup> Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

**How can we love other people else as much as we love ourselves?**

**Matthew 7:12**, So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**Romans 13:8-10**, <sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

**All of Scripture, all of God's plans, \_\_\_\_\_ on these two \_\_\_\_\_ of life: that we fully \_\_\_\_\_ and that fully \_\_\_\_\_.**

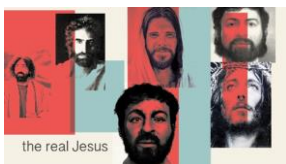
### **Life Application**

This week honestly, evaluate your life. If you were to sit down with Pastor Adam and explain how you love God fully, what would you say? Do you honestly love God more than ANYTHING else in your life?

Imagine you, Pastor Adam, and the person who causes you the MOST strife in life get to sit down and talk about how loved they feel by you. What would they say? Would they even know you're trying to live our Jesus' commands? Would they laugh at the idea that you are trying to love them as much as you love yourself?

Be honest and realign your life where needed.





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The Real Jesus, The Greatest Commandment

**READ: Matthew 22:34-40**

1. Grace Chapels Mission Statement: Love God, Love People, Make Disciples. Where does that come from?
2. This was a question posed to trap Jesus. How?
3. Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:5, what does this verse say? What can we learn from this verse?
4. The greatest and most important thing you can do is love God! Love GOD with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. God has to come first in all things. Why is this so hard?  
**Everything begins with a proper understanding and placement of God in our lives.**
5. Jesus says, if you can fully love God and fully love people then EVERYTHING ELSE in the ENTIRE LAW and all the things spoken by ALL the prophets are going to be accomplished! Discuss how the church would look if this was fully embraced by all believers.
6. How can we love other people else as much as we love ourselves? Think about the love of a parent for a child.
7. This kind of love for ALL other people, not just your people, is an absolutely staggering commandment. This is something unbelievably powerful, earthshaking, reconstructing, overturning, and upending and something supernatural MUST happen inside of us to grasp this kind of love. How is this possible?
8. Jesus seemed to want to push the importance and centrality of these commandments as much as he could. Why?
9. Jesus said the commandment to love your neighbor as you love yourself is "like it." Like what? Do you see how profound this is? Does it change the way you see your neighbor? This kind of love for ALL other people, not just your people, is once again an absolutely staggering commandment.

*A Quote from Pastor Adam... When you see people living out the Golden Rule, what you*

*are seeing is the visible expression of the Law and the Prophets. This behavior among people manifests openly, publicly, and practically what the Old Testament is about. It fulfills the Law and the Prophets. Loving God is invisible. It is an internal passion of the soul. But it comes to expression when you love others. So loving others is the outward manifestation, the visible expression, the practical demonstration, and therefore, the fulfillment of what the Old Testament is about. Loving God is made visible by practically and sacrificially loving others.*

**READ: Matthew 7:12**

1. Notice that Jesus refers to the Law and the Prophets like he did in Matthew 22:40. How do you see these verses when looked at together?
2. This is a very profound key to how we are able to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. God is upholding the Golden Rule by his fatherly provision. What does this mean?

**READ: Romans 13:8-10**

1. How does this passage dovetail with what we have read already?
2. Love for God becomes visible in the way we love others. Or you could say, our love for God is fulfilled when we love others. Discuss the practical ways we could become loving in this way.

**DISCUSS THIS:** God's goal for you and me, for all of mankind is to love God with a fullness that overflows...and from the overflow of that love we would express a great love for one another. All of Scripture, all of God's plans, HANG on these two ultimate purposes of life: that we fully love God and that fully love other people.

### **Life Application**

**If you were to explain how you love God fully, what would you say? Do you honestly love God more than ANYTHING else in your life? Imagine you, and the person who causes you the MOST strife in life, were to sit down and talk about how loved they felt by you. What would they say?**