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4. Why do you think Jesus summarized the Law in this way? How does this inform or challenge our understanding of success?
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7. Read Romans 3:23-24. How does this passage speak to our “success” as people before God? What is the basis for this success? How does this give you hope and strength today?
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## SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
February 7, 2016



### What does a successful life look like in God's eyes?

Mark 12:29-31 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. <sup>30</sup> And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

- **The world says a successful life is about gathering more for self.**
- **God says a successful life is about giving more of self to God and others.**

**Big Idea: True success is to love and trust God and seek to reflect Him to others.**

Proverbs 3:1-12 (ESV)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, <sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. <sup>3</sup> Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup> So you will find favour and good success in the sight of God and man. <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. <sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. <sup>9</sup> Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. <sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, <sup>12</sup> for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Romans 3:23-24 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God freely and graciously declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.