

## KEEP THE GOAL IN MIND – Matthew 22:34-40

### DON'T SETTLE FOR RELIGION, BUT PURSUE LOVE WITH GOD

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5** *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

**1 John 4:19** We love Him because He first loved us.

**John 14:15** *If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

**1 John 5:3** His commandments are not burdensome.

The goal to keep in mind, is that pursuing love with the Lord is the purpose of following Jesus, not religion.

### LOVE PEOPLE THE WAY GOD LOVES YOU

**Leviticus 19:18** *...you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.*

**1 John 4:20** *If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*

**Genesis 1:26** *God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.*

**One commentator said:** It's only when we love God that Man becomes lovable.

The goal to keep in mind, is that following Jesus is about being transformed by His love so that you can love people the way He loves you.