



This week's sermon

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Mark 12:28-34

Three unmatched truths from the text:

1. The most important laws are relational.

- Righteousness is relational
- Sin is relational
- Judgment is relational
- Salvation is relational

2. The two most important laws cannot exist apart from one another within the human race.

3. True self-love is acting in one's best interest.

It's about the people.

Digging Deeper

What is the most important command? Why is this the most important? What other commandments are tied to this one? (See Ex. 20)

How would you define “loving God?” How can you show love to God whom you cannot see? (Matt. 25:31-46, 1 John 4:20)

What does with “all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength” mean? Is there any difference between these four things?

What is the second greatest commandment? Why is this so important? Who does it include?

What can you do to love your neighbor?

What do you think Jesus meant when he told the scribe that he "is not far from the kingdom of God"?

Community Group Questions

Ice Breaker: Talk about something that makes you unique or unusual?

Read Mark 12:28-34 and the first MAP point. What was the ultimate purpose of the law? Can you think of any law that wasn't relational at its core?

Read the second MAP point. In Matthew, Jesus said: "All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:40). In what ways is this true?

What might be the potential consequence to a culture when these two laws are separated?

Read the third MAP point. What are some things Pastor Mike mentioned in his sermon were ways to love ourselves?

How does Romans 13:8-10 shed light on loving others as we love ourselves?

Is there anything else you'd like to talk about related to this week's sermon?

Application: Apart from Christ, these commands are bad news. How does the gospel make it so that the commandment to love God and love others is no longer bad news but good news? What can you do as a group to show love to someone in your immediate community this week? Is there a need you can meet?