

# The Journey (Week 3)

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## Discussion and Questions:

1. Read Matthew 22:36-40 together. The Pharisees loved to try and trap Jesus with clever questions about the law. They were keen to be seen as the only people who truly understood this very complex situation. What are some reasons people insist on complicating things that are essentially simple? Can you think of a modern day example?
2. Look at verse 37. How different would your life be if this was your daily existence?
3. Verse 39 uses the term 'neighbour'. We all either are one or we have one. Can someone tell of a time they were loved by their neighbour in a surprising way? What was the result?
4. Clint said "the way we love an invisible God is by loving visible people". Discuss what you think he meant by this.
5. Loving people is not always easy and often costly. When frustrations occur, what are some verses we could rely on to help maintain perspective? It's vital we remember the "why". Try 2 Corinthians 14:15 and Galatians 5:6 and 6:9 for starters.
6. An easy way to stay on the journey is summed up in this question - "what would a loving person do?" What is something you can do to improve the way you live out the commands in Matthew 22? Is there a current situation that you would appreciate prayer for as you try to be a more loving person?

By the way, if you are looking for a way to learn from the Bible that makes the complicated bits simple, have a look at "The Bible Project" on YouTube.

## Coming Up

Sunday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – Open Home

Monday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – CORE night