SAME: Same Purpose DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

Matthew 22 is a popular passage in the life of the church. Jesus gives the two greatest commandments to His followers to live out, and it just so happens to be the mission of our church! As we navigate through Jesus' words in the passage, we'll see that the same purpose that Jesus gave to His followers in the New Testament is the same purpose that we live by here at Shadow Hills Church, which is to Love God and Love people.

Key Passage: Matthew 22:34-40

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

Since the greatest commandment isn't connected to some act of obedience for God, but is connected to the condition of your heart towards God, what does this say about God?

Why is loving your neighbor important? How does Scripture define a neighbor?

How can all the Law and the Prophets hang on the two commandments that Jesus shared? What does this mean?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

In what ways do you love God with your heart, soul, and mind? How does this play out for you in your personal life?

What's one way you could show more love for God this next week? How about for others?

A great way to show love for others is by serving in the church. Serving other believers is a privilege, not a chore. Are you serving in some capacity at Shadow Hills today? If not, what are the obstacles that are keeping you from joining a serve team? Is there anything about serving in the church you find hard?

