



THE KING AND COUNTERFEIT KINGDOMS

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

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PREACHING POINT: Jesus teaches us to measure genuine faith by how comprehensively we love God and how sincerely we love others.

Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

1. Ask: _____ (vv.34-36)

2. Love _____ (vv.37-38)

3. Love _____ (vv.39-40)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. Write down one observation or application you found helpful from this week's sermon. Why did it stand out to you?

2. Read Deuteronomy 10:12–13 and 1 John 3:23. Although there are specific ways God asks us to love, how do these summaries help clarify your role as a Christian and simplify your understanding of God's general expectations for you?
 - a. How might your daily decisions and commitments change if you viewed every decision through the lens of "how will this love God and love others?"

3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4–5. What does it practically look like to love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?
 - a. Which area of your life most clearly reveals a lack of wholehearted love for God right now?

4. Read Deuteronomy 30:6. What hope does this passage give Christians concerning their ability to grow in love for God?
 - a. How does God's promise to transform your heart encourage you to keep pursuing Him?

5. Read John 15:12–13 and Mark 12:31. How would you honestly evaluate your love for all of the people God has placed around you?
 - a. Make a list of ways Christ has loved you and ways you naturally care for yourself. How can you intentionally show those same kinds of love to others this week?

6. Read 1 John 4:7–12 and 1 John 4:19–21. What do these passages teach about the connection between loving God and loving others?
 - a. What areas of loving others have you neglected, avoided, or need to improve? What specific step can you take this week to improve in your love for those around you?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

June 21st

Esther 1-3 & Acts 5:1-16

June 22nd

Esther 4-6 & Acts 5:17-42

June 23rd

Esther 7-10 & Acts 6

June 24th

Job 1-3 & Acts 7:1-19

June 25th

Job 4-6 & Acts 7:20-43

June 26th

Job 7-9 & Acts 7:44-60

June 27th

Job 10-12 & Acts 8:1-25

June 28th

Job 13-15 & Acts 8:26-40

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