

The Great Commandment

Matthew 22:34-40

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

Can you see us as a church after God's own heart; passionately committed to: Following the Great Commandment - Loving God. Fulfilling the Great Commitment - Serving Others. Finishing the Great Commission - Sharing Our Witness. How would it impact Calvary's programming, staffing, and priorities?

A lawyer asks a question, Jesus gives the obvious answer.

What does it really mean to love God? How do you know whether you love God or not?

God is no different from any parent. There are two things that any parent wants from their children: (1) love (2) obedience.

How does the love of God that we say we have on the inside manifest itself on the outside?

I. With Our Fellowship.

The very first step to loving God is taking time every day to spend with him to just worship him, love him, and learn his commandments so you will know how to obey him.

II. With Our Followship

Another way that we love God is by following His commands - obeying God. One of the ways you obey God is by serving God. The way you serve God is by serving other people.

III. With Our Friendship

Rick Warren said, "Friends of God tell their friends about God."

IV. With Our Finances - John 3:16

It has been said many times that you can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

V. With Our Fondness

What is unique is this is the first time anyone had joined these two together