

MATTHEW 22 – THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

- 1** Love comes in the context of a relationship. We love God more when we know Him more. What space have you left in your life for your relationship with God? How might you expect your relationship with God to grow if you gave it more space?

- 2** Scripture tells us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. What do those 3 words really represent?
 - a. Heart _____
 - b. Soul _____
 - c. Mind _____

- 3** Which is actually harder for you – loving God or loving others?
 - a. Which relationships in your life feel difficult right now? What's broken about that relationship and is there anything you can do to repair it?

- 4** Pastor Mike described the relationship between love and law this way: Culture tells us to obey laws so we'll be loved, but Jesus says to obey laws because we've experienced the love of God and desire to please Him.
 - a. Why did this thought create so much tension between Jesus and the Sadducees and Pharisees?
 - b. What is your own response to this truth?

- 5** Think through your upcoming week – what would it look like to take the next steps of obedience in loving God with all you have and loving others as yourselves? Be specific.

