

# The Greatest Commands

Matt 22:35-40

## What is your guiding principle?

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"  
Mat 22:35-36

House of Shammai & House of Hillel

Shammai – \_\_\_\_\_

Hillel – \_\_\_\_\_

## \_\_\_\_\_ is the centerpiece of Scripture

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."  
Mat 22:37-40

## We were created \_\_\_\_\_

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."  
Deut 6:4-5

## Because of sin, we \_\_\_\_\_

*Incurvatas in se* - turned or curved inward on oneself.

## God's solution is to \_\_\_\_\_

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.  
Ezekiel 36:26

...and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
Rom 5:5

We love because he first loved us.  
1 John 4:19

## Discussion Questions:

- What are some of the guiding principles in your life?
- How would you summarize all of scripture? How does Jesus' combination of Deut 6:5 and Lev 19:18 change the way you understand all of scripture?
- What are obstacles for you to love God with your entire being?
- How does experiencing the love of God enable you to love others? Read Luke 7:36-50. How does recognizing your own forgiveness change the way you relate to others?
- Who is a neighbor that you can love this week?

## Scripture references for further study:

Matt 22:35-40

Deut 6:4-5

Lev 19:18

Ezekiel 36:36

Romans 5

Romans 7

1 John 4:19

Luke 7:47