**Tricking Jesus–What is the Greatest Commandment?**

**Mark 12: 28-34;**

**April 16, 2023**

**DAILY DEVOTION**

Find a rhythm in God’s word this week! Follow this 5 day plan on your own or with your group!

[Loving God Big](https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/18320-loving-god-big)!

**INSPIRATION**

“The Bible calls us to wholehearted, life-encompassing, community-impacting, exclusive commitment to our God.” – Jason DeRouchie

**ICE BREAKER**

1. What is one activity you love to do?
2. Share a time you worked on a task that took “everything you had” to complete it.

**DEEP DIVE**

**Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:

“So this guy brings an honest question to the table– which of the 613 commandments is the most important? He’s asking Jesus to break it down– all these rules– it’s overwhelming/never-ending. And you know what? I kinda like this guy. What an honest question that I think all of us have wondered from time to time”

**Read Mark 12:28-34 and then answer the following questions:**

1. Name as many ways as you can of how to show your family you love them. What does each of these actions require on your part?
2. Mark 12:29 says we are to love God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul. Below are “bumper sticker” sentences Stef Rowe gave us in the sermon to define this love.

Heart-“God wants first place.”

Mind-“My thoughts are on You.”

Strength-“This is my love in action.”

Soul-“My inner and outer self match.”

Which of these ways to love God is easier for you? Why?

1. What are some things that keep you from loving God with your heart, mind, strength and soul? What steps can you take to eliminate these distractions?

**Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:

“This is so interesting to me, because if we do the first part– love God with our whole self–this one feels like a no brainer. It would be impossible to love God with all my heart AND mind AND strength AND soul and not love others? Why? The more we love God with our whole self, the more we love His people. We love others, because Christ loved others.”

**Read 1 John 4:11-17 and then answer the following questions:**

1. What do you learn about love from 1 John 4:11-17? Why do we love? If we love what does that show about God and us?
2. What are some ways you take care of your family and self? What would it look like if you loved/care for your neighbors as you care for your family and self?
3. What are some practical steps you can take to love your neighbors including thosein your neighborhood and city?

**Additional Study**

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

* Romans 12: 2
* Philippians 4:8
* 1 John 2:15

**NEXT STEPS**

1. What are some steps you can take this week to love God?
2. What can you do to encourage someone in your group to love God?

**PRAYER**

1. After sharing your next steps, determine who you will pray for throughout the week.
2. Pray for God to show your group the neighbors they need to love.

**SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.

* BENSON - Local Mission Partner is ABIDE. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
* MILLARD - Local Mission Partner is Heartland Hope. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
* FREMONT - Local Mission Partner is LifeHouse. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
* OMAHA - Local Mission Partner is Open Door Mission. Contact Lyndsey Deyoe for more information.
* Or get to know your community! Seek out service opportunities in your area.