

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

MEMORY VERSE: “Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39

DAY 1 MATTHEW 22:37-38 — The Greatest Commandment

1. We can make it really complicated when we think of all the things we need to be doing for God. What do these verses tell us?
2. In order to truly love God, we must know that we are loved by God. What does Romans 8:38-39 tell us? Do you know and believe that God loves you?
3. Why is verse 37 the most important commandment?
4. What do you think happens when you love God above everything else?

DAY 2 MATTHEW 22:39 — The Second Greatest Commandment

5. Read verse 29. How should we love our neighbor?
6. How important is the second greatest commandment compared to the first?

7. Who is our neighbor? What do you think it looks like to love them?

8. What do you think happens when you love your neighbor as yourself?

DAY 3 MATTHEW 22:37-38 — Loving God

9. Are there any differences between loving God with your heart, soul, and mind?

10. When Jesus says, “love the Lord your God” it means a personal relationship. What would it look like to you to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind?

11. What next steps could you take in loving God with everything you have?

DAY 4 MATTHEW 22:39 — Loving Your Neighbor

12. How does loving God and being loved by God naturally flow into loving your neighbor?

13. Where do you need to step up love for others?

14. This verse brings a whole bunch of rules of do's and don'ts and narrows it down to 2 things. Love God and love people. These two things are more valuable in life than anything else. If someone looked at your life, what would they say are the most important things to you?

DAY 5 MATTHEW 22:37-39 — Wrap Up

15. What is one way you can love God more this week?
16. Who is God convicting you to love this week, and how can you do so?

BELIEVE

God IS love. Without God, we cannot know what true love is. Without God loving us first, we cannot know how to truly love Him back or how to love and see ourselves the way He does or how to love our neighbor. Praise the Lord for His true and perfect love!

PRAY

Dear God, First of all, thank You for loving me first and loving me perfectly. Help me to love You with all of my heart, all of my soul, and all of my mind. Show me where I need to love You more fully. Lord, I also ask that you would help me to love others like myself. Remind me of Your love when this is hard. Amen.

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Other Scripture References

Romans 8:38--39:

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 14:15:

“If you love me, obey my commandments.”