

Pursuing What Matters Most
(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 60)
May 9, 2021

Matthew 22:34-46

Jesus _____ : What's the greatest commandment?
(vs. 34-36)

Jesus' Answer They Didn't _____ :
(vs. 37-40)

Love God with your _____ self, with _____ commitment,
to _____ excess

Love _____ as you love yourself

Jesus' authority in _____
(vs. 41-46)

Life Group Questions for the Week of May 9, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. What does Jesus say are the two greatest commandments? Why are they the greatest? How do the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17) relate to these two?
3. Define and discuss the three loves mentioned in Mt. 22:38,39. How are they to relate to each other?
4. John Kronwald lists the following evidences of a growing love for God: a desire to spend time with God- Psalm 16:11; a dependence on God- Proverbs 3:5-6; a desire to please God- Colossians 3:23-24; a desire to tell others about God- Matthew 28:18-20; a desire to gather with God's people- Hebrews 10:24-25.

Discuss which of the above you find easiest (and why), as well as those that present the biggest challenge.
5. According to Acts 17:26,27, why do we live where we live? Why has God placed us in our neighborhoods?
6. Read Luke 10:29. In what ways do we attempt to justify ourselves, as the teacher of the law tried, in order to take seriously the command to love our neighbors as ourselves?
7. What would happen if every Christ-follower made it a point to know and befriend their neighbors?
8. What practical ways can you begin to interact with neighbors you don't know? What activities do you most enjoy doing and how might they become tools for building relationships with your neighbors?