



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Matthew 22:34-40**

Date: **December 5, 2021**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. Even the world understands that love is very important, but the problem is they don't actually know what love is. How does the world define love for neighbour? What are some worldly conceptions of love?
3. How is the question in verse 36 a "test"? How might the Pharisees be trying to trap Jesus here?
4. What does it mean that the law is one and that there is one law? Explain how the law, including the great commandment, the 10 commandments, and the rest of God's law, is all united and connected.
5. What does it mean to love the Lord Jesus with *all our heart, soul, and mind*? What is being emphasized by mentioning those three parts of our person?
6. If the love of God is the first principle of the law, what happens when a people turns away from God?
7. If you don't get the first table of the law right (Commandments 1-4), can you get the second table of the law right (Commandments 5-10)? Explain.
8. What does it mean that love is a positive commandment? What are the implications of this for our lives?
9. How do the first and second commandments drive us to Jesus? How does the gospel serve as our ultimate example and motivation for love?