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Passage: Matthew 22:34-40
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Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

1. What is the importance of Jesus silencing the Sadducees (wealthy and politically influential class of priests)?

2. Knowing that the greatest commandment in the Law is going to be the most powerful sentence in the Bible, how does the word “Love” now stir within you?

3. What does it mean to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and mind?

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4. Why is it essential that we love God first before anything else?

5. How do we love others the way that God loves us?

6. This week Value is love, and the Identity statement is “We are people who love God and love others.” From the passage how are the two commandments that Jesus gives linked together?

7. How do our earthly relationships with others reflect how our relationship with God is?