

## The Greatest Is Love

Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's commandments.

- We are commanded to love \_\_\_\_\_
  - We are to love Him \_\_\_\_\_
- We are commanded to love \_\_\_\_\_
  - We are to love them \_\_\_\_\_

God's commandments are connected to \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ gets you \_\_\_\_\_  
the kingdom of God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ gets you \_\_\_\_\_  
the kingdom of God.

## Personal observations from the message.

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1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
3. What is a question you have?

## Discussion questions from the message.

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1. As we start the New Year, what are some things you are looking forward to? What do you want to be different in 2020? What will you do to make these things different?
2. Read Mark 12:28-31. How is the scribe's question to Jesus different from the one the leaders ask in 11:27-28, the one the Pharisees and Herodians ask in 12:13, and the one the Sadducees ask in 12:19-23? Why are the different groups asking their questions – what are they trying to do? How does Jesus respond to these groups? What does this teach us about the kinds of questions we ask? What does this teach us about responding to the different questions we receive?

What did Jesus say is the most important commandment of all? Why is this commandment the most important? What is the second greatest commandment? Why do you suppose Jesus gave two commandments when the scribe only asked for one? What does this teach us about the relationship between loving God and loving others?

3. Read Mark 12:32-33. What does the scribe think of Jesus' answer? Why are these two commandments more significant than all offerings and sacrifices? What is the connection between obedience to these commandments and obedience to the other commandments we are to keep?

What makes it so hard to love God? What makes it so hard to love others?

What are specific/practical ways we can obey the commandment to love God with all that we are?

What are specific/practical ways we can obey the commandment to love others as we love ourselves?

4. Read Mark 12:34. Why is the scribe close to the kingdom of God – what gets us close? What gets us into the kingdom of God? What is the difference between knowing truth and loving God? If we love God, what else will we love? How can we grow in these loves?