

Sermon Notes

Matthew 22:36-40

This week Pastor Mark spoke out of Matthew 22 and the great commandment that Jesus lays out for our lives. In this commandment, what we see is that all of scripture finds its fulfillment through our love for God and our love for others. God desires our lives to be fully devoted to Him, that we would have an abiding relationship with God. From that abiding relationship, we would then pour that out and love those who are around us. Jesus tells us to go out and make disciples, and so our faith is not for ourselves but for all those we come across in our lives. It's important to know that this isn't easy, and it all has to be done out of God's strength in and through us.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon . . .

Our Call As The Church

Matthew 22:36-40

Love God (36-38)

Love Others (39-40)

Labor in Love (Matthew 9:36-38)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to connect with a group that will work for you.

Questions

- 1) Do you view your relationship with Jesus as one where you "want" to live for Him? Or does it feel like you "have" to? Why?
- 2) In what ways this week can you love God with your heart, soul, and mind?
- 3) What treasures of this world are you holding on to keeping you from loving God with all that you are?
- 4) Do you approach your faith with the understanding that God is filling you up SO THAT you can pour out to others?

- 5) In what ways do you build your life around comfort rather than the cross?
 - How would your week look different?
 - How would the small group look different?
 - Etc..

- 6) Is your life known by your community? (Jesus desires that we know one another the same way He knows us. Ask yourself are you truly known by your community.)

- 7) Are you laboring for the harvest of God so that people might experience more of Him and be (saved, healed, restored, refreshed, encouraged, etc.)