

MATTHEW 19:17-26 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT - [\(SERMON MP3\)](#)

We have just finished our preaching series on the Ten Commandments, and if you have been with us for even a week or two, you probably have the same feeling about the Law: "I stand condemned." Look at the list of the Ten Commandments below and just meditate a minute on how you have broken some this week:



You shall have no other gods before Me.	Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.	You shall not steal
You shall not make idols.	Honor your father and your mother	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	You shall not murder.	You shall not covet
	You shall not commit adultery	

When Jesus walked the earth, a young lawyer came to him and asked, "What good deed must I do to have eternal life?"



- Write out Jesus' answer in your own words from Matthew 19:17-26.
- What was Jesus' meaning?
- Had anyone ever fulfilled perfectly the Ten Commandments? YES NO

Though we may walk away sorrowful like the young lawyer, God's desire is that we would understand how to truly fulfill the law.



- Answer the following questions from Matthew 22:36-40. What is the great commandment in the Law, according to Jesus?
- Look back at the list of the Ten Commandments and circle the ones that are fulfilled in "You shall love God" and then put a star by the ones that are fulfilled in "You shall love your neighbor." Jesus came to show the world that the law could be fulfilled, but not by being the perfect person, the law could be fulfilled by knowing and loving the only perfect Person!

In order to truly love God, we must know that we are loved by God. Some of us know the Bible answers that prove God's love for us, but we still fail to sense the love of God in our own lives. Listed below are some common hindrances to believing that God personally loves you.



- I was never loved in my home.
- I have committed an unforgivable sin or cannot have victory over sin.
- Unbelief in the Word of God.
- Underestimation of our own sinfulness.
- Lack of meditation on the cross of Christ.
- I have been hurt and cannot understand how God could allow that.
- Great love for self.

Even a Christian may live in despair, feeling the condemnation of the law and not recognizing the love of God. How do you personally know God loves you? Give Scripture to support your answer:



- If you are struggling with believing God loves you, one of the best things to do is to meditate on the cross of Christ, pray, and then tell a Christian friend about your struggle. Here are some passages for meditation: Isaiah 53, Matthew 26-28, 1 Corinthians 15.
- If you have been without love in your life for both God and others, perhaps it is because you have never truly come to know the Lord as your personal Savior. Look up Romans 5:5 and write out the verse here:

