

LISTENING GUIDE – June 7, 2020 – “What Matters Most”

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Mark 12:28-29

(This message is online at: nwbcspringfield.com) - Use this listening guide as you watch the video worship services online. This will also have questions you can use with your connect group.

Jewish tradition divided God’s law into _____ commandments and _____ commandments – The Old Testament has _____ commandments
248 tell us something we _____ do
365 tell us something we _____ do

So the _____ books of the Bible are considered the Law

The answer that Jesus gave to this guy – is what’s called the _____
– the word “Shema” means _____

God says – this is your priority – this is what matters most LOVE ME with

_____ Loving your neighbor as yourself – Obliterates _____, You can’t be _____ if you love your neighbor as yourself

So – what matters most — _____ and _____
God _____ love -- He _____ you to love

People love God – when they _____ the Love of God

But until you _____ the love of God – your not Going to love Him with your – heart-mind-soul-& strength

Too many people are focusing on trying to love God – when they’ve never _____ God’s love for themselves

You have to do more than _____ of what Jesus says – You have _____ what Jesus says

Reflection and Discussion

GROW: (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group.

Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. As a group what other passages or scriptures can you think of that teach us about the love of God or our love for each other?
2. What makes it hard for you to love God with everything you've got? What makes it hard to love others? What are the idols in your life that get in the way of loving God and others?
3. The scribe was "close" to the Kingdom of God because at least he could see that his good deeds could not save him. Why does our moral good deeds and religious rituals fall short of God's command to love Him and to love others? Are there areas of your life where you are doing the right things but not actually loving God and others?
4. In order to love others our "love tank" must be filled by the love of God. Are you able to receive the love of God? What makes this hard for you? How does Jesus prove the love of God for you?
5. The command to love God and others can be really bad news because we are so bad at it. How does the gospel of Jesus make it so that the commandment to love God and others is no longer bad news but good news? How can you meditate on this good news this week?
6. What can you do as a group to show love to someone this week? Is there a need you can meet?