

GET BACK

RECOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL MOMENTUM

COME TOGETHER (GET BACK TO BASICS)

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MATTHEW 22:34-40 (NIV)

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 5:43-48 (NIV)

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

JAMES 1:22-25 (NIV)

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it —not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)



**WE ARE A CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,
AND EVERYONE IS WANTED...INCLUDING YOU.**

GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Read Matthew 22:36-40 and Matthew 5:43-48. What sticks out to you in these verses? What is strange or surprising?

The phrase “like it” in Matthew 22:39 is literally “the same” in the original language. Nobody asked Jesus about a “second” great commandment, but he offers this one and says that the two commandments are “the same” commandment. How does this change the way you see these verses?

Read Matthew 5:43-48 again. Who is the hardest person for you to love? How is loving THAT person (or THOSE people) evidence that you are a “child of God?”

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

James 1:22, 25b (NLT) - Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says....and you will be blessed in what they do.

TAKE A STEP:

What are some ways that you can love the people in your everyday life this week? Not just feelings, but actually putting action to it? How can you love your “enemies?” Go do it!



ALL IN, TOGETHER

GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget: \$10,187
Given August 20th: \$7,989
Difference: (\$2,198)

2023 Annual Budget: \$529,724
2023 Budget YTD: \$336,171
2023 Given YTD: \$298,425
Difference: (\$37,746)

BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC August 20th: \$2,275
BYC YTD: \$108,343
BYC Total Given: \$430,836

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