



Jan. 4/5, 2020

Love Matters Most

Review – Matthew 22:34-40

Reflect – Questions

1. Icebreaker: Any goals or resolutions for 2020?
2. **Read Matthew 22:34-36.** They are asking Jesus what matters most, and what are possible answers to the question? Ask people in your group to take a few minutes and jot down possible answers.
3. **What's love got to do with it?**
 - **Read Matthew 22:37-39.**
 - What surprises you about his answer?
 - Note how "all" is used 3x. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes loving God in that way? What does that look like to you?
 - Optional Question: Where does love of ourselves come into play, as it is mentioned at the end of v.39?
4. **What's law got to do with it?**
 - **Read Matthew 22:40.**
 - What does it mean that everything depends on all the law and the prophets?
 - Invite people to break off into smaller groups:
 - i. Describe the liberal problem of love without law. Where do you see that today, and even in yourself?
 - ii. Describe the conservative problem of law without love. Where do you see that today and in yourself?
5. **What's Jesus got to do with it?**
 - **Read 1 John 4:10-11.**
 - In your own words, what does Jesus have to do with love? Two interesting questions: Why does God love you and how do you know?

Respond

How can you love God and others this week in a practical way

Pray

Take 10-15 minutes to pray. Ask for prayer requests and take time to pray together as a group.

Announcements

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