

Series: Genuine Love

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Big Idea: **People will know we belong to Him by how well we love one another.**

Matthew 22:34-40

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

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

Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Study Questions-

#1. Please also read **John 13:34-35** as a group. How specifically did Jesus say people would know we are His followers (Christians, believers in Jesus)? What is supposed to stand out to others?

#2. According to the Matthew 22 verses what did Jesus say are the two greatest commandments? Do you think you can obey one of them and not the other? Why or why not?

#3. In reference to Matthew 28 verses are known as the Great Commission. What two things are involved in “making disciples?” (In reference to what Jesus commanded us how important, do you think, is loving God and loving people?).

#4. How important is it for us to receive God’s love before we can love God and others? Please explain your answer personally not just technically.

#5. How are you doing with loving God and loving others (honestly)? How could you grow in that specifically? In that regard, how can we pray for you today?