

CURRENT SERIES

Soul Activity

Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In this series, we will explore what it means to be a disciple and how our relationship with God can affect each of these aspects of our life. If you've ever felt like you're not sure what following Jesus looks like or you wish you could be getting more out of that relationship, this series is for you!

SERMON NOTES

Week 1: Following Jesus

Mark 12:28-34 | Pastor Matthew Starner

Mark 12:28-34 ESV: And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

²⁹Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

³²And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The greatest fear is not death, but that before you die you will have never _____.

The point of life is to live as a child of God, loving Him with _____ and loving others _____.

This is the most efficient, balanced, beautiful, faithful, and sustainable _____.

Luke 10:38-42 ESV: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

In trying to wring the most from this moment, Martha pushes herself away from the _____ and the _____ in that moment.

A sustainable life is one that is lived for the _____ and the _____ in response _____.

Ask yourself this question: Is what I'm doing _____?

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the sermon during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into next steps. These questions and scriptures are designed to help you take your next step in your relationship with Jesus.

1. How would you describe to someone what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?
2. Pastor Matthew talked about the difference between viewing how we follow Jesus as a sprint or a journey. How do you see those in your own walk with Jesus? Which has been more satisfying for you? Why?
3. Read Mark 12:28-34. What does this passage reveal about God's character? What does this passage reveal about how God made us to function?
4. Why do you think this command is more important to God than even all the sacrifices made in the temple (v.33)?
5. Which of these ways of loving God (heart, soul, mind, strength) do you find most challenging or easiest? Why is that?

THIS WEEK IN THE BIBLE

These verses help take today's sermon beyond Sunday and into the rest of our week. Take time to read through these verses either alone, with your family, or with a friend. Talk about how these verses apply to your life today or what God might be teaching you through His Word.

Sunday	Mark 12:28-34
Monday	Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Tuesday	Romans 13:9, Galatians 5:14
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-8
Thursday	Hosea 6:6
Friday	1 Corinthians 11:1-2
Saturday	Mark 8:34

ONLINE NOTES

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