

Connect

True or false: "Love has no boundaries." Any exceptions? Why do you think so?

Verses - Matthew 22:34-40 (CSB)

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. 35 And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: 36 "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?"

37 He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

Study

1. In connection to the Sadducees, why would the Pharisees question Jesus about the Law in order to discredit Him? Why is this a losing battle for them?

2. What does it mean to say that love is a commandment? Is it only a commandment? In what way?

APPLY 1: Jesus clearly says that love is a commandment, but a commandment means nothing unless it is followed with action. How can we be "correct" in following the laws of love, authenticity and properly - especially when love seems to be an abstract idea? What's our guide?

☕ **DISCUSS 1:** What are some examples from the life and actions of Jesus that demonstrated love? Why would you classify what Jesus did as love?

3. Why do you think Jesus included mind, soul, in addition to the obvious - heart? Why are these important?

4. What does obedience have to do with the way Jesus loved then?

APPLY 2: What does obedience have to do with loving *each other*?

☕ **DISCUSS 2:** How does the world differ in their definition of love, and how is it different than the Bible's explanation of it? What are some examples? How can we not turn our love into hate?

Share

How has obeying the Lord in love been a challenge personally for you? What hope do we have if we haven't, and failed?

Grow

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.

- Pray for the protection of the TBC family especially with the increase in infections.
- Pray for one person's salvation.
- Pray for Pastor Dale, his move to LA and planting Emerge Church as the Lord leads him.