



## Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

### God's Servant to Do Good to Others September 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### 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."

1. *Incurvatus in se* refers to a person's life turned in and focused completely on itself. How have you seen that in our world?
2. How did the Pharisees exhibit the soul curved inward? (Scan Matthew 23 for hints.)
3. How might the Pharisee's question (v. 36) indicate self-centeredness?

4. List a few things that would be different about your average day if you "*loved the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*"
5. Retell a few Bible stories where Jesus loves the Lord his God (and Father) with everything he's got.
6. In general, you know what's good for you. What are some things you do for yourself, which you could also do for your friends or family?
7. What things would be different about your average day if you "*loved your neighbor as yourself.*"
8. Retell a few Bible stories where Jesus loves his neighbor as himself.
9. Agree or disagree: A Pharisee (someone obsessed with God's law) will be *BETTER* at keeping God's law than a Christian (someone who trusts Jesus to forgive all our sins.)
10. What's one way you can put into practice Jesus' commands this week?