



Matthew 22:35-40 (NIV) <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.

**Question for the End of Every Day:  
How Did I Treat People?**

**1. "Who Is Not Easy for Me to Love?"**

- \_\_\_ obnoxious teenagers
- \_\_\_ certain ethnic groups (see Matt. 8:5-13)
- \_\_\_ people of a different religious background (see John 3:1-3)
- \_\_\_ people who have different political views (see John 13:34)
- \_\_\_ people who are different from you morally (see Mark 2:16)
- \_\_\_ beggars (see Mark 10:46-52)
- \_\_\_ children (see Matt. 19:13-14)
- \_\_\_ people who have been divorced (see John 4:13-18)

**2. The People That We Call the Problem Are People That Jesus Called His \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)*

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matt. 22:37)*

*"... but love your neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18)*

**3. What Will Happen As You Live Out the Two Greatest Commandments?**

- A. You will understand that the people that you have been calling the \_\_\_\_\_ are actually your neighbors.
- B. You will treat everybody \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. You will discover that living by the words of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Repeat every morning and evening and whenever it comes to mind:** *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)*

**Want to Go Deeper?**

- Memorize Matthew 22:37-39.
- Say the two great commandments every morning and every evening for the next 30 days. Make every decision in light of loving God and loving others.
- Study the passages listed above and observe how Jesus loved people who were not easy to love.
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *A Love Worth Giving* by Max Lucado.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!