

Life Group Homework

For the week of February 17, 2019

MY STORY

1. What is an accomplishment in your life that you are proud of?
2. What was your takeaway from last week's study?

QUICK REVIEW

3. Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday's teaching, what caught your attention?

DIGGING DEEPER

Matthew 22:34-40 (NLT)

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

³⁷ Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

4. What are the two commandments Jesus declared as the most important?
5. Verse 39 makes a comparison between these two commandments—what is it?
6. Why does Jesus make loving your neighbor as equally important as loving God?

I love my son. He is one of my favorite people on the planet, and one of the fastest ways I will get frustrated with you is if you treat him poorly. In fact, I really struggle to like the person who treats my son poorly. In contrast if you treat my son kindly and invest into his life, you will gain my favor and become one of my favorite people. While this example of my love for my son is just a shadow of God's loves for us, it demonstrates this principle: you can treat me well, but if you treat my son poorly, we will have an unresolved issue. This is the reason these two commandments are equal in the sight of Jesus. You can claim to love God but if you don't love people (who are made in God's image and are special to Him) you are missing the whole commandment.

7. How does this example shed light on the commandments Jesus told the teacher of the Law?

TAKING IT HOME

In this section will be unpacking a few Greek words for love and how they translate into English.

- The first Greek word for love is "agapao", meaning **to love, to esteem, to like**. This verb refers to a kind of love that expresses personal will and affection rather than emotions or feelings, to have love for someone or something, based on **sincere appreciation and high regard**— 'to love, to regard with affection, loving concern.
 - The second Greek word for love is "phileo", meaning to have love or affection for someone or something based on association— 'to love, to have affection for.' This kind of love is more about emotion than a choice. Think of it as the warm fuzzy feelings.
8. In your own words, what do these definitions mean?
 9. Does the English word "love" contain both of these definitions depending on the context?
 10. How can the definition of "agapao" (to hold in high regard) help you love people who are hard to love?
 11. How does this relate to the posture of our heart?

Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

12. If we are a sharp arrow in God's quiver and He is sending us, where specifically is He sending you?
13. Who will you be when you get where God is sending you?

CHAIR TIME TOOL

14. Pray this week and ask God who in your life you need to take a more active role to love? On the next page fill in the boxes with the steps you can take to actively be the sharp arrow for these people.

Chair Time Tool:

BECOMING	DOING
<p>Faithful Free Dependable Responsible</p> <p>Fruit of the Spirit love joy peace patience kindness goodness faithfulness gentleness self-control</p>	
HOW	RISKING



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Week 6 - The Arrow Project - Going where He sends me... every day.

"I am like a sharp arrow in His quiver." Isaiah 49:2b

BIG THOUGHT: I **want** to live God's **Vision** for my life.

3 questions left to answer:

1. Who am I **currently** being sent to? (Identify your current calling.)

- Family, Work, Neighbors, Little League, Etc...

Jesus unties the **knot**.

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"**LOVE**" - (Agapao) Hold in high value; indicates the direction of the will...His will not mine; choosing to find my joy in Christ.

2. **WHO** will I be when I get **THERE**?

3. **WHAT** will I do when I get **THERE**?

"You are my servant, Israel, and you will bring me glory."⁴ I replied, "But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose. Yet I leave it all in the Lord's hand; I will trust God for my reward." Isaiah 49:3-4

Live the VISION **anyway**!

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."
John 13:35