



HOME GROUP STUDY 31st August 2025

MATTHEW 22 V34-40 – 31.08.2025

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QUESTIONS

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

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Icebreaker: have you ever been in court (and are happy to talk about it!)?

1. LOVING GOD

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1.1 With all your mind

Q1: How do you keep your mind clean?

1.2 With all your heart

Q2: What is the right emotional response to God? What could be a wrong emotional response to God?

1.3 With all your soul

Q3: Does the thought that your soul is contained in your body while you are alive change anything in your thinking?

2. LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR

(v39) “And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’”



Q4: Why do we find it so hard to love our neighbour?

Q5: How can God help us?

A PRAYER

Loving Lord, thank you that you have loved me with an everlasting love from eternity. Do a miracle in my heart. Help me love you with all my mind, heart and soul as you command. Forgive any bitterness and unforgiveness in my heart towards anyone else, and replace it with love. Lift me above this world with all its frustrations, its pain and its conflict. Help me soar with you like a bird over a mountain, seeing things as you see them, free to love and be loved as you command, for the sake of your Son, who first loved me, so much that he died for me and in the power of your holy Spirit, Amen.