

January 23rd, A New Assignment
Part 4 in the series 'New Beginnings'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

READ Matthew 22:37-39

“Jesus replied: “ ‘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.’ Then Jesus says, All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Why do you think these are the greatest commandments?

What do you think it could look like for parents to model these commandments to their children?

How should we respond when we inevitably fall short of these commandments?

Why does God command us to love him?

How can we grow to love God and love our neighbors more?

A: ask God daily, prioritize putting yourself in positions where love can be nurtured and cultivated, set aside time to be with God...

READ Matthew 18:3

Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

What do you think it means to “become like little children”?

READ James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

In his message on Sunday, Pastor Jim said this: “the number one way to effectively fulfill your calling and duty as a parent is to ask God for wisdom - daily... every day... all day. Always be asking God for wisdom.”

What do you think this demonstrates to children?

What are some other areas of life, apart from parenting, that you think we should ask God for wisdom in?