

✓ Life is \_\_\_\_\_, but it's not \_\_\_\_\_.

(Matthew 22:34-40) When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

• Love is sometimes an \_\_\_\_\_, but it's always an \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Homework Questions

### Starter Questions

What is your most frequently used emoji?

What is something you'd say you love? What do you love about it?

Looking back on this message, what encouraged you, challenged you, or made you think?

### Digging Deeper

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. List all the different ways God instructs us to remember the commands found in 6:5.

How do you remember Christ in your daily routine? List all the ways you spend time with God during your day.

Read Philippians 2:1-18. How does Paul simply describe daily living? Refer to verses 1-4, 14-15.

Re-read verses 5-8. How did Jesus exemplify what it looks like to become what you wish others would be?

D.L. Moody said, "Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn't really matter." Answer the following questions:

- Read Acts 20:24. What does Paul consider worth nothing? What is the only thing of value?
- Can you identify a success in your life that stole value, or distracted you from something you otherwise could have done?
- Are you currently engaged in a worthless venture that is stealing from a lasting treasure? Read Colossians 3:1-3

## Application Questions

“Distractions are addictions that never lead us to satisfaction.”  
What is your biggest distraction? List two steps you can take this week to avoid these unnecessary distractions in your life.

Pastor Landon asked us to answer the question, “How does loving God and loving my neighbor affect this situation?” Think through the roughest moment of your week. How could you have applied this question to your reaction?

In the message this week, our use of technology was called into question. Read the statements below and rank yourself on the scale.

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Frequently
I spend more than 2 hours on technology daily	1	2	3	4	5
I will turn to a device before I spend time with God	1	2	3	4	5
My children spend more time on devices than they do recreating/playing/studying	1	2	3	4	5
When we eat a meal together, A device is usually on the table	1	2	3	4	5

How is your technology usage out of balance with your interaction with the things that really matter?

How does technology affect my love for God? For others?

What is one step I'm willing to take to change any negative habits we've developed in our family?

## Prayer Requests

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### Additional Resources

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For further study read:

Loving God with your mind—2 Corinthians 10:4-5, 11:3

Loving God with your Heart—Matthew 6:21, Philippians 4:4-9

Loving God with your Soul—Psalm 24:3-4, 42:11, Matthew 10:28

*The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch

### Announcements

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**October 7, 13, and 20** are the next **NEXT sessions!** Join us immediately following the second service to learn more about New Anthem Church. Lunch and childcare are provided. Please sign up at the connection desk!