

# Jesus Curriculum

## Lesson 5

Matthew 22:35-40,

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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## What is the Purpose?

### Introduction

People in our culture love to one-up each other! Comedian Brian Regan talks about a person we all encounter, who he calls the “Me-Monster” that consistently has better stories. We love to be the ones with memorable phrases, or the quotable one-liners that can be shared on social media!

Jesus could silence even the Pharisees, the men with all the biblical knowledge one could possess, yet he didn’t do it in a prideful way, trying to win for winning’s sake. Jesus was always one to temper his arguments with truth and love. Jesus never backed down when confronted or tempted, but He knew when to show compassion for a person, and He knew when to push back on the ritualistic beliefs for which the Pharisees so vehemently fought.

How are we to respond when confronted, or our beliefs are being thrown aside like last week’s news? How are we to balance truth and love as Jesus did?

***Memory verse: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your souls and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”—Mark 12:30-31***

Pray and read Matthew 22:35-40 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

What questions or observations do you have about these passages?

## What do the passages say?

1. In what area was the Pharisee an expert?  
(Matthew 22: 35)
2. What was the question asked? (Matthew 22:36)
3. What was the first and greatest commandment that Jesus gave? (Matthew 22:37)
4. What was the second commandment given by Jesus?  
(Matthew 22:39)
5. What is it that hangs on these two commandments?  
(Matthew 22:40)
6. Where are the commandments given to be placed?  
(Deuteronomy 6:6)
7. When and where are we to talk about and write these truths? (Deuteronomy 6:7-9)

## What do the passages mean?

1. Why, in the passages of Deuteronomy, does it say we are to have these commandments on our hearts? (Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 4:23; Luke 6:45)
2. The passages in Deuteronomy sound like a very public display of the truth that was in their hearts. Why is it important to make it publicly known what we believe? (Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 96:2-4; John 4:39-42)
3. Read the 10 Commandments written in Exodus 20:3-17. Can these Ten Commandments be summed up by loving the Lord with all your heart and loving your neighbor as yourself?
4. Who is your neighbor? (Luke 10:29-37)

5. What does it mean to love our neighbor as ourselves?  
What's the importance of loving our neighbors and thus fulfilling the second greatest commandment?  
(1 Corinthians 13; Philippians 2:4; 1 John 4:11-12)

### **Applying the passages**

1. What areas do you love the Lord with all your heart?  
And what parts of your life do you keep separate from this command? What can you do to make loving the Lord all-encompassing in your life?

