

IN PURSUIT OF TRUTH

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³⁴Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

— Matthew 22:34–36 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE

HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

“Life is simple, but we insist on making it complicated.” Confucius said this in 500 BC. Today, research shows that a big part of success for fast-growing companies is simplicity.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Have you ever done something simple in a complicated way?

LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- When He was on earth, Jesus showed people that following God didn't have to be so complicated. But this teaching angered their religious leaders!
- The Pharisees and Sadducees, religious factions in Jesus' time, tested Him with “trick” questions that they thought would expose Him as an incompetent teacher or cause Him to choose sides.
- But Jesus knew better. As the Son of God, He knew the true meaning of Scripture and the heart of the commandments.
- Jesus showed us that true worship to God goes back to the heart. (Matthew 22:21)
- He showed us that true devotion means we seek for the real meaning of Scripture. (Matthew 22:29)
- He showed us that it all boils down to love—loving God and loving others. (Matthew 22:37)

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- Have you ever encountered a passage of Scripture that didn't make sense to you? This is an opportunity to dig deeper and ask God about it.
- Have you ever felt like there are so many commands in the Bible, it would be hard to obey them all? How do you respond?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray for a deeper understanding of God and His heart for the world.
- Pray to hear God clearly on Scriptures that seem confusing to you. Pray for discernment on habits or actions that are merely cultural versus biblical.
- Pray to fully understand and live out the simplicity Jesus taught—that the greatest commandment is love for God and others.

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³⁷Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

– Matthew 22:37–40 (NIV)