

Preparing for the Mission Ahead!!!!

John 21:15-22

Matt 22:35-40

35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,
36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
38 This is the first and great commandment.
39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

I) Question we Must Answer

(Lovest thou Me)

A. The Reality of our Love (even when we don't understand him)

John 13:37

37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. (This was right before he denied him three times)

John 14:15

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

B. The Recipient of our Love (Religion or Christ)

Matt 21:9-16 (Love is Blind)

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.
12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,
13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.
15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,
16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

II) Quest we must Attempt

(Feed my Sheep)

A. Fulfill His Will

B. Follow His Way

III) **Quarrel we must Avoid**

(What shall this man do?)

A. Direction of Focus

1 Thess 4:9, 11

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

11 And that ye study to be quiet, **and to do your own business**, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

1 Peter 4:15

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, **or as a busybody in other men's matters**.

B. Decree to Follow (What is that to thee, Follow Me)

Life Group Questions

1. When it comes to tradition and truth, which should take precedence?
2. The Pharisees could not see Christ for who he really was because they loved there tradition and way of doing things so much it became more important than the truth that they were confronted with, why must we be careful not to be guilty of the same thing?
3. What criteria should we use to determine if it is truth or our tradition?
4. If there is an issue of disagreement about a tradition or truth what example did the people of Berea give in Acts 17:11 in dealing with the matter?
5. Read John 12:42-43, why do some people find it difficult to stand for truth and go against tradition?
6. All tradition is not bad, read Matthew 15:1-9 and discuss when a tradition becomes a problem. (Especially verse 9)
7. Read Romans 14:1-5 and discuss the importance of focusing on our own selves and not judging the spirituality of our Christian brothers and sisters.