

# Family Table Talk

for the week of October 22, 2017

**Opportunity**  
Christian Fellowship

Read it . . .

**Matthew**  
**22:34-46**

Discuss and apply the truth of God's Word as a family.

## A Story of Important Commandments

In Jesus' time the Jews were divided into two main factions: the Sadducees and the Pharisees. The Sadducees ran the Temple, but they were more into Greek philosophy than Jewish theology. They wanted to get along with the Romans. They only believed Moses' books in the Old Testament were scripture. And since Moses didn't write much about heaven, they didn't believe in it. So they were very *sad, you see*. (get it?) The Pharisees ran the local

synagogues and most Jews would have considered themselves Pharisees. The Pharisees were obsessed with God's law. They studied it. Argued about it. And taught it to the people. So they were very *fair, you see*.

So, when a Pharisee gets to ask Jesus a question, he wants to know what was the most important Law that God gave people to follow. Jesus gives him two. You can't keep one without keeping the other.

<p><b><u>Sunday</u></b></p> <p>Read Deuteronomy 34</p> <p>Moses was a pretty awesome man. It's sad when such an amazing life comes to its end. How do you think the people of Israel felt when Moses died?</p>	<p><b><u>Monday</u></b></p> <p>Read Psalm 90:1-6</p> <p>When Halloween rolls around there's a lot of symbols of death around. What does this prayer of Moses tell us about life and death and time.</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday</u></b></p> <p>Read Matthew 22:34-40</p> <p>Of all the answers Jesus could have given, why did Jesus pick these two things as the most important commandments?</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday</u></b></p> <p>Read Matthew 22:34-40</p> <p>In front of our church sanctuary we have two banners with God's two most important rules. Make your own banners for the two greatest commandments to put up in your house.</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday</u></b></p> <p>Read Matthew 22:41-46</p> <p>The Jews believed the messiah would be a great warrior, like David, who could defeat the Romans. Whose son is Jesus? Why is that an important thing?</p>	<p><b><u>Friday</u></b></p> <p>Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8</p> <p>Paul lived out loving God and loving others. What advice does Paul give us in this passage to follow his example? What does he say to do? What does he say to not do?</p>

### Memory Verse: 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.'

### Coming Up Next Week:

The Story of False Teachers