



Hey Group Hosts! It's the second week of the Sermon Series Groups!

**THIS WEEK'S GOALS**

- Create a warm and inviting atmosphere to promote acceptance. This can be done by encouraging vulnerable and honest sharing.
  - **Host Tip** - Do not listen to respond. Rather, listen to understand.

**WEEK 2 AGENDA**

**Icebreaker: The Law and Order Challenge (5-10 min)**

If you could create a new "law" for your daily life that everyone had to follow, what would it be and why? How do you think it would change your day-to-day routine?

**Housekeeping: (5-10 min)**

If you have any details to address with your group (communication, snacks, etc.), spend a few minutes doing it now.

## **Discussion - Sermon Message: The Great Commandment | Prioritize Jesus (25-30 min)**

Below you will find the discussion questions for this week. Please read the attached notes in **bold** and use them as a guide to help you facilitate the discussion with your group.

- **Read** Matthew 22:37-40; Deuteronomy 6:4-9.
- **Big Idea:** The call of a believer is to prioritize Jesus above all else.
- **Discussion Questions**
  - When you think about your daily life (time, energy, attention), what tends to get first place most often?
    - **Leader Notes:**
      - **This is not about guilt. It's about awareness.**
      - **Help the group ease into honest reflection without rushing to "right answers."**
  - According to Matthew 22:37–40, what does Jesus say it looks like to love God fully, and what naturally follows from that love?
    - **Leader Notes:**
      - **Loving God with all heart, soul, and mind is the greatest commandment, and loving others flows directly out of that devotion.**
  - In Deuteronomy 6:4–9, the word Shema means both "to hear" and "to obey." Why do you think Scripture ties listening to God so closely with action?
    - **Leader Notes:**
      - **Biblical hearing is not passive.**
      - **If God truly has first place, obedience naturally follows what we hear Him say.**
  - The sermon described a "Pyramid of Priorities" (God → Spouse → Kids → Everything Else). Where do you sense tension or misalignment in your current priorities?
    - **Leader Notes:**
      - **Encourage personal honesty.**
      - **This is often where the Holy Spirit does the deepest work.**

- What is one practical change you could make this week to more clearly prioritize Jesus either in your schedule, relationships, or decision-making?
  - **Leader Notes:**
    - **Examples may include intentional prayer time, Scripture engagement, reordered commitments, or loving a neighbor more intentionally.**

**Next Step: (5 min)**

Encourage your group to practice **deep listening** this week. Encourage members to practice *Shema*—hearing God with the intent to obey.

- **Remind the group:** Prioritizing Jesus is not about perfection; it's about direction. When Jesus is first, everything else finds its proper place.

**Pray: (5 min)**

Have the group share any prayer requests. Have someone record the prayer requests to share with the group through the Lead App or the communication method you choose. It can be intimidating to pray with strangers, so you may choose as the host to pray for the requests this week, or you could have the group split into pairs to pray.

**Hangout: (5-10 min)**