

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2026! Leading to Worship Sunday October 25, 2026

Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we consider the enormity of God's "simple" commandment to us: to love God with all our heart and mind and soul, and to love one another as we love ourselves. Click here: [Week 43 Video](#) Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- Then one of them, a lawyer, sought to test Jesus, and asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" (Matthew 22:35)
- Jesus responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and this all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)
- "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:40)

Two Questions

- What was the test the lawyer was hoping to present? Was the lawyer looking for Jesus to give the "wrong" answer, to identify a less-than-important commandment? Was the lawyer hoping Jesus would rank the commandments so that there might be some we don't have to follow? Do we sometimes have a tendency to rank the things we think we should do, so that it is "not so bad" if we don't do (or don't want to do) everything we think God wants?
- It sounds so simple! Love God, and love others. But how "good" do you think you are at these two commandments? What does it mean to love God with all your heart and soul and mind? What does it mean to really love your neighbor as yourself? Do you feel opportunity, or overwhelmed, at what Jesus is asking of us here?

Action Step

- Thank God that we do not have to love God, and others, without help! The Holy Spirit is with us, to help do the work of loving God, and loving others! Stay open to every chance this week to show your love to God, and to others!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!