

(Mark 12:28-34) One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'³² No other commandment is greater than these."³² The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other."³³ And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."³⁴ Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

✓ God's not trying to give you something to work _____, He's
trying to give you something to work _____.

• Make your _____ the measure of your
_____.

Homework Questions

What in the message challenged you, encouraged you, or made you think?

Re-read one of the scripture passages shared. Record any new insights or observations below. **Challenge: choose one sentence in the passage to memorize.**

Based on what you learned from this message, what is your next step of obedience?

Announcements

Masks are recommended at New Anthem where social distancing is impossible. We are limiting our gathering and events to recommended gathering sizes.

Interested in **Baptism**? Join us on **Sunday, August 23** immediately following both services. Sign up with your connection card!

Join us for **Summer Sessions** this week!

- Monday, August 17 at 5:30pm- leadership team event (all team leaders, surge group leaders, and elder team families are invited for supper and games!)
- Wednesday, August 19 at 5pm: El Dorado shooting range. Bring your own firearms and ammunition; waiver is required, ages 8 years and older may participate in shooting. All are welcome for supper (provided).

Ready to take the next steps at New Anthem? Are you curious how you can use your gifting and skills to serve others? Join us for **NEXT** on **Sunday, August 23** beginning at 5:00pm at the office. Supper is provided! Please use your connection card to sign up for this event!