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Our Mission

Jesus gave us two jobs to do:

I. Love God

A. The Priority

*And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the **most important** of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'" Mark 12:28-30*

B. The Process

'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' Mark 12:30

- The truth is observed: Mind
- Our emotions are touched: Soul
- Our will is moved: Heart
- Our body is engaged: Strength

C. The Practice

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him . . . Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words . . ." John 14:21, 23-24a

My love for God is expressed in obedience.

- When God wants: Immediately
- How God wants: Completely
- With an attitude God wants: Joyfully
- With the consistency God wants: Continually

II. Love People

The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:31

How do I love my neighbor?

A. It starts with the love of God.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God . . . We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:7, 19

B. This moves us to love for God.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 1 John 5:2-3

C. The result is love for my neighbor.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:11-12

Where do I learn this?

"Our mission at Northshore is to provide a relational environment where participants experience authentic community and spiritual growth."

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35