

The Main Thing

The main thing in following Jesus is the great *commandment* and the great *commission* (Matthew 22:35-40; 28:18-20). When asked by a Pharisee which singular commandment in the law is greatest, Jesus answers by giving *two* commandments: the great commandment (to love God) and the great commission (to love people by telling them about Jesus). These are, for us as individual followers of Jesus and as a church family, the main thing. When we keep these two commandments as our primary focus, we live more and more in the abundant life Jesus promises us (John 10:10). Beltway Park Church aims to keep these things front and center by dedicating a percentage of our church giving to missions and outreach, and by chasing after our 2030 Vision.

GET STARTED

When you think about your daily life in this season and all you are giving time and energy to, what would you say are your priorities right now? Do you consider those priorities good, and are they the priorities you should have? Why or why not?

GO DEEPER

1. In Matthew 22:35-40, Jesus answers the question about the greatest commandment in the law by actually giving two commandments. Why do you think He did this, and what point was He making?
2. The great commission of Matthew 28:18-20 is all about God sending us, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to help others experience hope and abundant life as they become followers of Jesus. Why does God involve us as the church at all in reaching people and helping them come to a saving faith in Jesus? Why did Jesus not just stay in Jerusalem and fully establish His Kingdom then and there after His resurrection?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How have you experiencing *mission drift*? What good things in your life are possibly crowding out that which should be primary and foundational? What needs to be rearranged or prioritized to make the great commandment and the great commission the main thing in your heart and choices?
2. Which part of Beltway Park's 2030 Vision (find it at beltway.org/about/2030-vision) most excites you personally? What element(s) could you possibly see yourself being a part of individually or as a family?

PRACTICE IT NOW

As a group, take a minute to read and look over Beltway Park's 2030 Vision from the website again. Then take time together as a group to purposefully pray into the 2030 Vision, asking God to work swiftly and powerfully in each specific area to accomplish all that He has laid on our hearts to pursue.

PODCAST

As an additional source of encouragement and insight, check out our weekly podcast, Beyond Sundays, at anchor.fm/beyondsundays.