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Matthew 22:36/ John 14:15/ Micah 6:8/ Proverbs 1:7

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Luke 6:31-33/ Micah 6:8/ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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2. Religious **TRADITIONS**

Mark 7:5-9

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Colossians 2:20-23/ Romans 14:1-23

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Revelation 2:1-7/ Revelation 3:14-22/ John 13:34-35/ 1 Corinthians 13:1-3/ Galatians 5:22-23

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Food for Thought for the week of June 19, 2022

1. We often hear that we are supposed to love God, but love can look like 100 different things to 100 different people. Larry taught us that loving God looks like obedience to His commandments, yet we often try to love God through our own interpretation. Read Micah 6:6-8 from this Sunday's message. Of the things mentioned in verse 8, which one do you want to grab hold of? Are there changes you need to make in your life in order to walk in obedience to that by the end of this month? If yes, what are they?

Micah 6:6-8 New International Version (NIV)

⁶With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly^[a] with your God.

2. The above question can be difficult to apply because we often choose to do what is easier for us rather than what God may be asking of us. Larry mentioned six things God doesn't value, that we tend to place relationship value in. Which of those six things is most tempting for you to place value in? How might Psalm 51:16-17 give you confidence to let go of trusting in that action, and what does it teach us to do instead?

Psalm 51:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

¹⁷My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.

3. The second greatest commandment we see and were reminded of this weekend is to love others. We get a sense of a definition for love in 1 Corinthians 13, but there is also a passage in the Old Testament that describes loving others.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and Psalm 15:1-3. Write a list of similarities you see between those two passages on how we are to love others.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 New International Version (NIV)

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Psalm 15:1-3 New International Version (NIV)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

²The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;

³whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

Which of the similarities stuck out to you most? Is there a person whom you could seek to display that attribute toward this week?