

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: ALIGN

Week 2: Engaging with God's Purposes

God, am I in alignment with You?

1st priority in Aligning to God & His Purposes is to Engage with God & God's people.

Mark 12:28-34.

Whatever the greatest commandment is you cannot engage in it without a belief in & relationship with God.

By loving God first, our love for others is improved. There's one true God and we are to love Him with all that we are: our heart, mind, soul, & strength. Love for God must come above all other loves.

Worshipping God is responding to all that God is with all that we are.

Most importantly, we love God, vertical relationship, but it doesn't make sense if we don't horizontally love others.

What does it look like for us as a church to love God and love others? We must **Worship and Connect.**

So, how do we prioritize those things and how can we make sure that we are in alignment with God?

You only love God as much as you love the person you love the least. To evaluate how much you love God, evaluate how much you love people.

1. **Love God supremely.** How do you love God supremely?

- With all your heart: Your best life is a where your heart is obsessed & completely committed to God.
- With all your soul: Let how you feel about things reflect your love for God.
- With all your mind: your *thoughts, intellect, & imaginations*.
- With all your strength: Whatever physical strength you have, use it for God's glory.

2. **Love people greatly. 1 John 3:16-18**

Leviticus 19: Loving God is loving others. How you treat others is really a reflection of how you love God.

Timeless Truth: You are designed and created to love God and love others. The sinful nature messes all that up, but your purpose (through Christ) is to regain that love, grow in that love, and express that love. That is where you find abundant life, loving God supremely and loving others greatly.