

## Sermon Notes - January 22, 2017

### **“Your Calling” Matthew 22:34-40 Pastor Bill Hoffman**

When a Pharisee, for whom the Law of God was the highest priority, asks “which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” it is akin to asking: *What is the most important pursuit in life?*

- How would you answer that question?

For both Jesus and his questioner, the context in which they understood what it means to *love* is the law and the prophets, the written word of God. By inviting people to follow him, Jesus is implying that it is in following him that people see more fully what loving God and neighbor looks like.

- Absent this context, how might the call to love God and neighbor be misunderstood?

What are some good examples of everyday actions that flow from a foundational commitment to be loving God and neighbor in the ministry of a deacon? An elder? In your own life?