Lesson 6: Jesus and… The Checklist
Matthew 22:32-40

34 *Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.* ***35*** *One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:* ***36*** *"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"*

37 *Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'[b]* ***38*** *This is the first and greatest commandment.* ***39*** *And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[c]* ***40*** *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

Intro Question:

What is the purpose of a mirror and how do we use it?
(The law is a great mirror, but it is not great for fixing anything you see wrong in the mirror)

1. What is your initial response to rules? What questions do you ask? Follower/Rebellious?

2. Who approaches Jesus in this passage and what do we learn about him?
    a. **Leader Note - a great follow-up question would be to ask what they think an expert in the law might mean? Memorization and intense studying of all of the Jewish laws for God's people.*

3. First ask students to simply notice what the Pharisee calls Jesus. Next, ask them what the Pharisee asks and then what they think he is really asking.

4. What do you think this man's relationship with the law is like? (Achieve to receive)

5. What do you think of this quote?
    a. "If rules and regulations had the power to change your heart and life, rescuing you from yourself and giving you a heart of submission and faith, Jesus would have never needed to come!"

6. What strikes you about Jesus' response? How can verse 40 be true?