

*What Is the Most Important Law or Are You Ready To Do the Right Thing?*

We begin today a series of sermons about the “Law.” I will focus today on the most important laws? People asked Jesus what was the most important law? His response is that we are to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength and secondly to love our neighbor. These two statements sum up all the important features of the Law of Moses.

Then, for two weeks, I want to look at the two major divisions of the Law – the first four commandments deal with our relationship with God, the second six commandments deal with our relationship to our neighbors. And, I also want to ask the question of the meaning of the Scout Law on Scout Sunday. Finally, I will spend three weeks on the “Three Rules of Methodism” – to do no evil, to do good all the time and finally to stay in love with God.

So, today we begin our focus on the most important aspects of the Law of God by asking the question, “What is Law?” Jesus did not give

up or throw out the “Law.” Just the opposite – Jesus said in the *Sermon on the Mount* in the Gospel of Matthew that he did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it.