

## **Follow Up Questions from message on Sunday, September 24, 2017**

### **One of Us: To Elevate Grace**

#### **Re-read: Matthew 22:34-40**

1. Was the home you were raised in a religious home? If not, how did your family view the church?
2. What is the difference between a religious life and a spiritual life?
3. Why is religion important in any culture?
4. Pastor Jon said in his message that, "when religion takes first place it begins flexing its muscle at the expense of mercy or grace." When have you experienced this to be true? Or when have you seen this happen in our world?
5. Did you have a 'rule maker' in your family growing up who demanded order religiously?
6. Read Mark 2:27. What do you think this means?
7. Read the Matthew passage. In this statement, Jesus sums up the Old Testament (and by inference the New) in two parts. Why not leave it at the first commandment?
8. The good news is Jesus came to elevate grace to first place. In other words, when we don't know what to do, do what Love requires you to do. Does this affirm or challenge you? In what ways does this challenge you?