

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
JULY 26, 2020**

**"SERMON IN A BAG: Leftovers"
Matthew 22:34-40**

"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.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

As we continue our summer series, "Sermon In A Bag", this morning our object is...

This object suggested to me _____

My thought was what a rotten deal it would be if I opened my lunch expecting a cookie and found this instead!

But the truth is that _____

A. Then I came to our text and I was reminded, *once again*, that there are two dimensions to this command.

1. The _____
2. The _____

Jesus _____

You see, _____

And according to Jesus everything in the Law of God and everything the Prophets proclaimed is dependent on these two commands!

B. So, why do we do it? Why do we offer our "leftovers" to God and/or to people? Well, here is a short list drawn from my life (we all have our own reasons, so maybe you can add a few others)...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

C. Leftovers of time, effort, energy, attention, and money. It's easy to give our everyday tasks more priority than they warrant, and then to give what's left to God and to others. Sometimes we just need a reminder about the things that really matter.

Taking our cues from the Word of God, what is most important?

- 1) Priority 1: _____
- 2) Priority 2: _____

"This morning let's commit ourselves to give our best to God and to His Kingdom by serving Him as we serve one another in love!"