



Sermon Notes

Term – Autumn Term

Series – Setting the Scene for the year

Gathering & Date – 30th September 2018

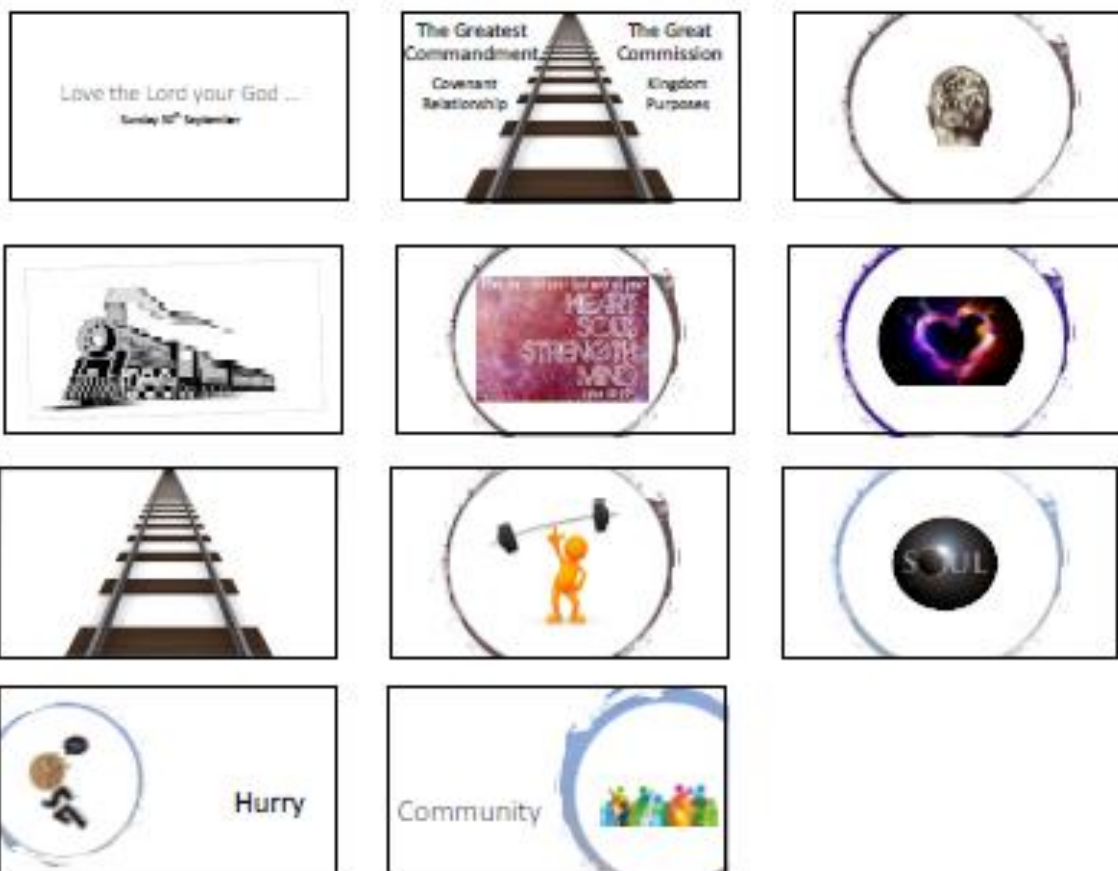
Title – Love the Lord..

Preacher –Neil Shepherd

Reading – Luke 10: 25-28 and Genesis 2:1-9

Main message of this talk in one sentence Love the Lord your God with all of you – strength, mind, heart and soul

Main points –



There are two 'tracks' that define our lives:

1. Greatest Commandment
2. The Great Commission

This week looked at the commandment and next week we will look at the great commission.

Love the Lord your God with ...

- a) Strength – your ability, your might, your strength
- b) Mind – with our thoughts and understanding
- c) Heart – our feelings and emotions
- d) Soul – the inner being (the God breath that was breathed into us as talked about in Genesis 2)

One definition of the soul is the 'seat of the heart' – that which defines our very being

As we look at loving God with our soul, we looked at two issues that limit our ability to love God with our

soul.

1. **Hurry** - loving God with our soul takes time – we need to find a rhythm that works for us on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis
2. **Self** – if we are not God centred then we become self-centred. The antidote to self is community. We and Us not I.

For further thought and prayer –

1. What does it mean for you to love God with your strength?
2. Your mind?
3. Your heart?
4. Your soul?
5. If hurry is detrimental to our soul then how can we make space to connect with God in our day, our week, a month and a year?
6. If we ignore our soul, then self is placed at the centre – discuss whether community is the antidote to self?
7. How can we enter into a greater sense of community?