

DISCUSSION GUIDE

MEASURING YOUR LOVE FOR GOD

The Gospel of John — Week 64

John 21:15-19

ICEBREAKER: What impossible task are you facing right now?

OVERVIEW: Do you love Jesus? Do you love Jesus? Do you love Jesus? That was the question Jesus asked Peter right before He ascended back to heaven — three times in a row! Loving God is the greatest commandment because there is nothing more important in life. It is the most important commandment because it leads to the fulfillment of all the other commands in Scripture. Loving God is the definition of spiritual maturity. It is the pathway to fulfillment. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to become better lovers of God.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. On a scale of 1-10, one being very weak and ten being very strong, how would you rate your relationship with God right now? Explain?
3. What are some ways increase one's love for God?
4. What are the personal benefits of loving God?
5. Read Ephesians 1:4. What does this verse say about loving God?
6. Read Hosea 6:6. What does it mean that God does not desire sacrifices and burnt offerings. Didn't He command that these things be done?
7. Read Genesis 29:20. What can we learn about loving God from Jacob's love for Rachel?
8. Read Genesis 37:3. What can we learn about loving God from Israel's (Jacob) love for Joseph?
9. Read John 21:15-19. Why did Jesus ask Peter the same question three times?
10. According to this conversation between Jesus and Peter, what can we learn about what it means to love God?

The Last Word: Loving God "is a holy fire kindled in the affections whereby a Christian is carried out strongly after God as the supreme good." Thomas Watson

