

Love is an act of the will, accompanied by emotion, that leads to action on behalf of its object

- Voddie Baucham, *Family Driven Faith*

Remembering what God has done (rehearsing the gospel) compels us to appropriately respond to Him.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

- Remember who God is (vv. 17-18)
- Remember what God has done (14-15, 21-22)
- Remember what he will continue to do (18)

Our response to Him involves loving and serving others.

(Because sin doesn't just affect our own hearts, it affects our community.)

vv. 18-19

Injustice exists within the broader context of lawlessness (people who live apart from God's law). Lawlessness will increase in the last days.

Matthew 24:9-14

Intimacy sustains intensity.

One of the greatest issues facing the Church today is the manner in which we as a people are guided more by ideologies and emotions than we are by theology and devotion. Both liberal and conservative ideologies create narratives about who should or should not lead us and what laws should or should not govern us. People gravitate toward and argue about each side, using fear as a powerful tool to motivate allegiance in order to acquire and keep power. Why do people do this? I believe that it comes from a great lack of intimacy with Jesus, coupled with a shallow understanding of the Scriptures. These deficiencies press Christians to settle for political and ideological substitutes as they seek control over their quality of life. Or we could say it like this: Christians in the West struggle with varying degrees of feeling powerless and therefore wrestle with varying degrees of anger within the present context and fear related to the unknown future. This causes many Christians in the modern Western world to see politics and human government as the true power base for sweeping societal changes or the means of their cultural deliverance. They do not see how God endues power to his saints through prayer, by which Christians bypass the powers of the this world to connect to the singular Power who reigns over the world. They do not appreciate the way God can invade with His power through His Church to influence a broken world in need of healing and restoration.

- David Sliker, "The Nations Rage"

Zoom out / Zoom in

- **Zoom out:**
 - What does this mean in light of eternity?
 - What does this mean in light of the sovereignty of God?
 - How might God be transforming my understanding by what I am experiencing?
 - Romans 11:33-12:2
- **Zoom in:**
 - Who has God put in front of me to love?
 - How can I love God and love my neighbor today?
 - Matthew 10:42

Response

If you would like to be added to prayer list or contact list to support these areas of ministry, use the connect card and write in the comment section:

1. **Foster care** (to support families or participate in future training)
2. **Widows** (to help love and care team)
3. **International students**

Questions for Discussion (Published weekly on the JICC app):

1. Practice the Zoom out / Zoom in questions with someone -- work through a specific area of your life where you have felt stuck or where you are displaying uncontrollable, unhealthy emotions.

3DQ - 3 Discipleship questions to ask each other:

What is God saying to you?
What are you going to do about it?
How can I help?

Shema Study Resource: <https://bibleproject.com/learn/shema-listen>

Identifying your idols handout: www.jicc.us/idols