

THE ESSENTIALS

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Love God

Family Church Mission: Love _____ Love _____ and Make _____.

Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 28:19-20, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you, to the very end of the age.”

“Agapāō is defined as to have a preference for, to take pleasure in, to prize above all other things, to be unwilling to do without, and to long for.”

John 3:16, “For God so loved (Agapa’d) the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

We grow in our love for God by _____ and reading His _____.

2 Timothy 3:16, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Proverbs 30:5, Every word of God proves true, He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

John 17: 3, “Father, sanctify them in the truth, your Word is truth.”

Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing the soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

We grow in our _____ for God by _____ His Word.

John 14:15, “If you love Me, obey my commands.”

John 14:21, “Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

We grow in our love for God by _____ to Him _____.

Psalms 105:4, “Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.”

Isaiah 55:6, “Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.”

Jeremiah 33:3, “Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

Matthew 6:9, “This then is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

1. Prayer starts by focusing our _____ and _____ on who it is that we are talking to.

2. Our prayer time should focus on asking God’s _____ to be our #1 _____.

3. After we seek God’s _____ in our lives, we seek God’s _____ in our lives.

4. As we pray, come _____ about our _____ and _____ forgive others for they have hurt us.

Colossians 3:13, “Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

5. As we pray, ask God to _____ us.

We grow in our love for God by _____.

Life Application

This week, commit to spend more time in the Bible, reading it, studying it and applying it to your lives.

Commit to spending more time in prayer, maybe using the Lord’s Prayer as a pattern to follow. And then commit to fasting from something you love in order to seek the Lord.

As a result of today’s message, I will _____.