Love God

THE GREATEST – WEEK 2

OPENING QUESTIONS

Think of a relationship where you'd do anything for the other person.

DISCUSS:

1.) What made it that way?

2.) Was it obligation, or something deeper?

1 "Your faithful love is better than life."

> *"God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you.I thirst for you; my body faints for you in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water. 3 My lips will glorify you because your faithful love is better than life." - Psalm 63:1, 3*

DISCUSS:

3.) Honestly, does that describe how you live? Or is God's love more of a "supplement" to the life you want?

4.) What would change if you really believed this line?

2 The Corinthians did spiritual things to get blessed

> *"If I speak human or angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give away all my possessions, and if I give over my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing." - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*

DISCUSS:

5.) Where do you see that "contract" mindset in your own faith?

6.) What spiritual habits have you done mostly out of obligation?

3 Contract vs. Covenant

Contracts benefit; covenants transform.

DISCUSS:

7.) Where in your life are you treating God like a transaction?

8.) Where have you looked for meaning in a contractual relationship (like work)?

4 “We love because He first loved us.”

> *“We love because he first loved us.” - 1 John 4:19*

DISCUSS:

9.) When have you tried to love God by trying harder? How did that go?

10.) What does it look like to recieve God’s love first?

5 Love is what you choose to be, not just do.

> *“Love is not something one turns on or off. our aim is not to be loving to this or that person, but to be a person possessed by love was an overall character of life. I do not come to my enemy and then try to love them. I came to them as a loving person. It is not something you choose to do, but what you choose to be.” - Dallas Willard*

DISCUSS:

11.) What is the difference between trying to love and becoming a loving person?

6 Heart, Mind and Strength

> *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” - Mark 12:30*

HEART — DELIGHTING

DISCUSS:

12.) What do you actually delight in most right now?

13.) What would delighting in God look like this week?

MIND — DWELLING

DISCUSS:

14.) What do your thoughts dwell on most days?

15.) How can scripture and prayer reshape that?

STRENGTH — DOING

DISCUSS:

15.) Where is God already at work around you?

16.) How can you join Him there?

APPLICATION

Think of which of the three is the hardest for you: delighting, dwelling, or doing.

DISCUSS:

17.) What is one small step you'll take this week to improve in this area of your life?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Spend time thanking God for loving you first. Rest in that love together.