



THE PROBLEM OF JESUS

THE PROBLEM OF JESUS PT 2: THE PROBLEM OF LOVING GOD

Jesus was asked to sum up all of the commandments in the Bible with the single greatest command. His response was: Love God with your whole self. So why does it seem so scandalous to live out the command to love God? Contrary to what you might think, the topic of loving God is one of the most neglected ideas in modern Christianity.

BIG IDEA: Being in love with God is better than just believing in God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If your house caught on fire, what are the first three items you would grab and take with you?
2. Name a book about love or loving God that stands out to you. When did you read this book and why?
3. Think about the early days of your relationship, when you were first head-over-heels for your partner. Or maybe think back to the first time you ever thought you were in love. Have you ever considered your love for God to have the same intense desires as those early days of your relationship? Why do you think we struggle to love God this way?
4. Read [Matthew 22:34–40](#) and [Mark 12:28–34](#). What differences do you notice between the ways that Matthew and Mark recorded the Greatest Commandment? Which passage resonates the most with you, and why?
5. When have you taken a “good thing” and made it a “god thing”? Meaning, how have you elevated good things in your life above God (made them idols)? How do you correct your course and make things right when this happens?
6. Carlo shared two common or predominant idols that we can put above God in our lives: comfort and family. Have you ever been tempted to put your family or your comfort above loving God? How so? Why do you think these two idols are particularly important to think about?
7. What kind of results come from not loving God above all else? What reasons do we give for saying we love God but not actually placing him as our top priority?
8. How are you loving God with your heart? Your soul? Your mind? And your strength?

Take time this week to think about the areas of your life where you have prioritized the “things of this world” above your relationship with God. Then, look for ways you can surrender those things to God and move him to the top of your priority list. Pray that God would help you let go of those things and love him first and most.