

Love Christ

Series: To Make Him Known (message 1) **Date:** January 31, 2021

OBCC exists to LOVE, LIVE and SHARE Christ, to MAKE HIM KNOWN wherever we go.

We center our lives on the ones we love.

Mark 12:29–30

Constantly center your life on the Christ you love.

Start by getting to know Christ.

Starting Point

Luke 18:10–14

Get to know Christ to love Him.

Hebrews 1:1–2

LOVE Keystone

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

We talk to the ones we love.

Psalm 116:1–2

Matthew 6:9–13

Constantly center our lives together on the Christ we all love.

Mark 12:29–30

Acts 2:46–47

We center ourselves on Christ in the worship service.

Acts 2:42

We center ourselves on Christ in small groups.

Acts 2:46–47

Join a group

Constantly center on Christ (love live and share Him); that will make the greatest change.

sermon discussion

RECAP THE PASSAGE & SERMON

Spend a few minutes discussing the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. If you had a theme song or a theme verse for your life what would it be?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:32-34.** What kinds of intoxicating activities, earthly distractions, or groups of people tend to pressure you to sin or try to derail you spiritually? What does it look like to “wake up” from these things?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.** In what ways do you treat your spiritual growth more like a hobby versus training for, or competing, in a sport?
4. **Colossians 1:9-10.** How do Biblical knowledge and prayer relate to one another? What does a person who has biblical knowledge without prayer look like? What does a person who has prayer without knowledge look like?
5. **Read Proverbs 27:6.** What does it take to be the type of friend that can say hard truths to someone and still have them listen? To whom have you opened yourself up, and to whom can you be this type of friend?
6. Is there anyone in your life that you may need to “wound” out of love? How can this group help you courageously say what needs to be said?
7. **Read Mark 12:28–30.** Think about the way this passage calls an entire community to love God (individually and corporately). How is God calling you to grow in your love for Him this year (spiritual discipline, next step, etc.), and how might you help cultivate a love for God in your community (family, small group, or Church) this year?

GOING FURTHER

Memorize Scripture: *Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”* **Mark 12:29-30**

Read Matthew 4:1-11. How many times does Jesus quote scripture? What does Jesus's example teach us about how we should relate to God's Word in the face of temptation?

Watch a few of the videos from the Bible Project on [how to read and study the Bible](#).

Plan a few structured times of prayer this week. Try the pattern ACTS: Adoration (toward God), then Confession, then Thanksgiving, then Supplication(requests). You can also try praying for different groups of people using the pattern FACE: Family, Accountability (e.g., small groups), Church, then Everyone else.