

SUMMER OF LOVE

WhAt DoEs It MEAn to REAlly Love God?

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First

Why Study What JESUS Taught About Love?

— We are _____ .

— We need to offer an _____ of our culture.

The Starting Point of JESUS Teaching on Love:

“ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, ‘Of all the commandments, which is the most important?’ ²⁹ ‘The most important one,’ answered Jesus, ‘is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ 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 12:28-30 (NIV)

1. WHAT IS JESUS REALLY SAYING ABOUT LOVE?

Jesus quotes the _____ from Deuteronomy 6:4-5

• The Lord our God: YAHWEH _____

YAHWEH is a _____ name

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• The Lord is One

• Love

• Heart

• Soul

• Mind

• Strength

NOTES CONTINUE ->

2. HOW CAN I GROW IN MY LOVE FOR GOD?

- Spend regular time with God _____

“ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

~ LUKE 5:16 (NIV)

- Demonstrate devotion through _____

“ Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

~ MARK 14:36 (NIV)

- Act out love for God by _____

“ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

~ MATTHEW 25:40 (NIV)

COMMUNITY GROUP Questions:

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- 1- My first thought when I hear “The Summer of Love” is?
- 2- Do you agree or disagree with the idea that our world could use a counter cultural revolution of love? Why or why not?
- 3- Read the encounter of the Scribe with Jesus in Mark 12:28-34. How does this seem different from the questions Jesus receives in Mark 12:13-14 and Mark 12:18-19?
- 4- Why would you say Jesus gives “Love the Lord your God” as the MOST IMPORTANT?
- 5- Which is the easiest to love God with for you: heart, soul, mind or strength? Which is the most difficult?
- 6- What practices have helped you to grow in your love for God over the years?
- 7- Review the three suggestions from this weeks message on How to Grow in Love for God (Prayer, obedience, Loving People). Which do you need to grow in most at this time?

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