

Life Group Study Guide
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Dismissing Jesus: Love the Lord
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Reference:

Open in prayer and read Matthew 22:34-37.

Review:

What was one thing from this weekend's message or scripture reference that stood out to you?

Reflect:

1. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind?" (Matt 22:37) What does that look like to you? Does it seem out of reach? Explain.
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-12 which gives us the context for Jesus' response about the greatest commandment. What were the reasons you see in this passage that God commanded Israel to love Him with "all?"
3. Discuss the ways in which you see our culture resist the exclusivity and totality of Jesus' command to love Him.
4. What adaptations do we need to make in our lives to live out the command to the extent we see in Deuteronomy 6:1-12? What has prevented you from doing so?
5. Consider John 15:9-17. How does what Jesus says in this passage add to your understanding of what it means to obey Him?

Respond/Reinforce:

Make a list of the people or things you have the tendency to love more than Jesus. Compare how they love you with the love Jesus has demonstrated for you. What are the key differences? Thank God for the ways He has demonstrated His love for you and ask Him for the strength to love Him with "all".