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## It's All About Love

Scott Merriner – February 6, 2022

*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

**Take some time to look up and read: Matthew 5:17-18, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 20:34-40**

1. What do these passages tell us about how to read the Ten Commandments from a modern context?
2. What do these passages tell us about the fulfillment and purpose of the Ten Commandments?

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### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

**Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.**

3. The first commandment aims at exclusivity. Jesus claims, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”* (John 14:6).
  - Where in the human experience do people have trouble with exclusivity? Why is exclusivity difficult at times?
4. The first commandment challenges God’s people to keep him in “first-place”, allowing everything else to flow out of and from God’s lordship and leadership. *“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you”* (Matthew 6:31-33).
  - How do we “bypass” God and go straight to our needs? What is the result?
5. How is the first commandment a reflection of God’s love for us?
6. If someone were to ask you how and why the Ten Commandments are relevant today for the Christian life, how would you answer? Does your experience match this reality? Share a personal testimony that would reinforce your answer.
7. Scott has been challenging us to engage our hearts in the *People Campaign*. Who are the “People of Peace” in your life? Describe your relationship with them? Where is God at work in the relationship? What might be your next step in evangelism and discipleship inside of these relationships? How can this group pray for these relationships? Keep praying and sharing God’s work as you respond to him.

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### Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!  
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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