

There is no loving God without loving others,
and there is no loving others that does not
lead to helping them love God.

PULPIT CURRICULUM

LOVE: THE GREATEST THING
Matthew 22:37-40

1. REVIEW

Share a time when someone showed you Christlike love.

Read Matthew 22:37-40. After Jesus commands his followers to love God, he charges them to love their neighbors. What does (and doesn't) it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? Use scripture to support your answer.

The world says we ought to esteem and love ourselves. God's Word instead teaches us to lose ourselves for Christ (Matthew 10:39). What does it mean to have no esteem for self?

2. ASSESS

The first part of the Great Commandment is to love God with all that you are. Looking back over the last 3 months, how has your capacity to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength grown?

The second part of the Great Commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Who has God allowed in your life that is difficult to love? How would you assess your love toward that person?

3. APPLY

Based on what you identified as needing to improve, what will you do this week to take one step forward in love?

God's Word softens the hardest of hearts and ignites a flame of love for God. Work as a group to find a Scripture to memorize this week. Commit to reviewing the passage 2 or 3 times each day for the next 7 days.

MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

Use the space below to write down any memorable points or thoughts from the weekend's message.

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Deuteronomy 10:12-13

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ 1 John 4:20-21

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ 1 John 3:16-17

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ 1 Timothy 3:15

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ Ecclesiastes 12:13

What I learned:

How I will respond:

To learn more about studying the Bible, look for the "Essentials of Growing in Christ" class starting soon at your campus.