

“If ‘Vertical Church’ is the fire of our lives for the glory of Jesus Christ the Lord, ‘Vertical Living’ is the individual logs on the fire.”

# PULPIT CURRICULUM

**VERTICAL LIVING - Pt.1**  
**Matthew 22:37-40**

## 1. REVIEW

What is the difference between God’s omnipresence and the manifest presence of God? How do you know if you are experiencing the manifest presence of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Matthew 22:34-40. Using your knowledge of God’s Word (or referencing Exodus 33 as an example), how do you think all the law and the prophets are summarized in these two commandments? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does it look like to truly love God? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. ASSESS

Love is the command. With all our heart, mind, soul, and strength is the manner in which we are to love. Compare and contrast each of those. How are they different? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which of those is the most natural for you? How are you maximizing it? \_\_\_\_\_

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We often come up with excuses like, “That’s just not me.” or “My personality isn’t like that.”, but note that the command isn’t conditional. In which manner do you need to continue to grow? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 3. APPLY

Increasing love for God will result in increasing joy in His presence. Where are you trying to find your joy instead of the Lord? Where have you most experienced his presence lately? \_\_\_\_\_

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What specific steps will you take this week to stir up your love for God – specifically in the manner you identified as needing growth? \_\_\_\_\_

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1A) Vertical Church: manifest presence ministry for God's glory. Isaiah 64:1

2A) Vertical Living begins with passion: Loving God. Matthew 22:37

1b) with all my heart,

2b) with all my soul,

3b) with all my mind,

4b) with all my strength. Luke 10:27

Without God's manifest presence we are lost - utterly, completely, and totally lost!

Vertical Living is a return to Eden - where communion with the Creator is the fountain of joy.

"Our hearts are restless until they find rest in Him." - Augustine

**5 DAY READING PLAN****DAY 1**

**READ Matthew 22:37-40**

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

**DAY 2**

**READ Ephesians 3:20-21**

What I learned:

How I will respond:

**DAY 3**

**READ Psalm 27:4**

What I learned:

How I will respond:

**DAY 4**

**READ Psalm 139:7**

What I learned:

How I will respond:

**DAY 5**

**READ Exodus 33:12-16**

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.