

# DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

## LOVE GOD AND PEOPLE DEEPLY

### MEETING AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER – Ask one person to Open the meeting in prayer.
2. DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS – Ask everyone the Development Questions.
3. ATTENDANCE – Take attendance through the SG Attendance System.
4. TODAY'S LESSON – Go over this week's SG lesson.
5. CLOSING PRAYER – Ask for prayer requests and pray.

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## Development Questions

### Question #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?

### Question #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?

### Question #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

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### ***This Week's Passage:***

#### **Matthew 22:34–46**

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’[a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’[b] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

43 He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

44 “‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand  
until I put your enemies  
under your feet.”’[c]

45 If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” 46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

# Connection Question:

Who is someone that demonstrated Christ-like love to you in a meaningful way, and what impact did it have on your life?

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## TRUTH #1:

Loving God Wholeheartedly Is the Foundation of Discipleship

## Discussion Points:

1. Jesus teaches that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (Matthew 22:37–38)
2. Loving God begins with recognizing His love for us first. (1 John 4:19)
3. Wholehearted devotion requires seeking God above every earthly priority. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

# Growth Question:

Are there distractions competing for first place in your heart?

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## TRUTH #2:

Loving People Reflects the Heart of God

## Discussion Points:

1. Jesus says the second greatest commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matthew 22:39)
2. We are called to love others because every person bears the image of God. (Genesis 1:27)
3. Christ commands His followers to love sacrificially as He loved us. (John 13:34–35)

# Growth Question:

What makes loving certain people difficult, and how can Christ help you overcome those barriers?

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## TRUTH #3:

Jesus Is the Center and Source of Our Love

## Discussion Points:

1. Jesus challenges the religious leaders to understand that the Messiah is both David's Son and David's Lord. (Matthew 22:41-46)
2. True discipleship begins with acknowledging Christ's supreme authority. (Colossians 1:15-18)
3. We cannot genuinely love God or people apart from abiding in Jesus. (John 15:4-5)

# Growth Question:

In what areas do you need to depend more fully on Christ's strength rather than your own?

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## GO THEREFORE QUESTION:

Jesus declared that loving God and loving people fulfill everything God desires from His followers. What is one intentional action you will take this week to love God more deeply and demonstrate Christ's love to someone around you?

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# PRAYER:

## *Question #1*

Who are you praying for to be saved?

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## *Question #2*

Who can you invite to Church and/or to Small Group?

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## *Question #3*

What are your prayer requests?

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*HAVE A GREAT WEEK! WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!*