

Building a life of love

Our Love for God and Others

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1. We Must Have a _____ Love for God

Mark 12:30 "And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." (NLT=New Living Translation)

2. We Must Have a Love for Our _____

Mark 12:31 "The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." (NLT)

- A neighbor is any needy person we come in _____
- The standard for this type of love is how _____

3. We Must Have a Love for _____

John 13:34-35 "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (NLT)

- We must love fellow believers like _____
- We must love fellow believers to _____ Jesus is real

Romans 5:5 "...God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (NIV=New International Version)

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you feel about the main family resemblance for followers of Jesus being love? Do you think it is easy to make other qualities or behaviors as substitutes for love? Why?
2. We are we to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Discuss what this means to love God so comprehensively? Describe each way we love God – heart - soul – mind and strength.
3. Loving our neighbor is equally important. To illustrate this, Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan. Who is my neighbor I'm supposed to love? Describe loving them as you love yourself?
4. Jesus also taught we are to love other believers just like Jesus loves them. What does this mean? What does this type of radical love prove? Why is this so rare in our churches today?
5. Read Romans 5:5. How do we rely on the Holy Spirit to live and love like this?