

Thursday Night – Cabin Time Guide (Shooting for 20 Minutes-ish)

“Love God. Love People.” (Good indicator of true faith)

Matthew 22:36–40

MAIN IDEA

Jesus says the greatest thing we can do is:

1. Love God completely
2. Love people genuinely

Everything about following Jesus flows from those two commands.

We want to help them:

- Discover what Jesus means by loving God and loving others
- Identify obstacles to living this out
- Be challenged to take practical action this week

OPENING QUESTION (3 minutes)

- “What do people your age usually think Christianity is mostly about?”
 - Rules?
 - Church attendance?
 - Being a good person?
 - Something else?

“Jesus simplified the entire faith into two powerful commands.”

READ THE PASSAGE (2 minutes)

Have a student read Matthew 22:36–40 aloud.

Then ask another student to summarize it in their own words.

DISCUSSION / DISCOVERY QUESTIONS (10 minutes)

1. What stands out to you most in Jesus’ answer?

Some thoughts:

- Jesus made it simple
- Loving God affects everything
- Loving people matters to God

2. What do you think it means to love God with:

Heart? (emotions/desires)

Soul? (identity/life)

Mind? (thoughts/focus)

- “What would that actually look like for a teenager?”

Some thoughts:

- Choosing God over popularity
- Spending time with Him
- Trusting Him during stress
- Thinking differently than culture

3. Why do you think loving people is connected to loving God?

To think deeper:

- Can someone claim to love God while treating people badly?
- Why is loving difficult sometimes?

4. Who is hardest for you, as a teenager, to love well?

Some thoughts:

- People online
- Parents
- Siblings
- Someone at school
- Someone “different”
- Someone who hurt you

CHALLENGE SECTION (3–4 minutes)

“Jesus didn’t just teach this so we’d agree with it. He taught it so we’d live it.”

Throughout camp and when we return home:

- What is one way you can intentionally love God more?
- What is one way you can intentionally love someone else better?

Encourage practical answers:

- Pray daily
- Read Scripture
- Encourage someone
- Forgive someone
- Include someone sitting alone
- Put down the phone and listen to family

FINAL THOUGHT

“People often think Christianity is mainly about rules. Jesus said real faith is rooted in relationship — loving God deeply and loving people genuinely.”

CLOSING PRAYER (1 minute)

Pray that students would:

- Love God sincerely
- Reflect Jesus at school/home
- Show grace and compassion
- Live our faith boldly

BONUS QUESTION

“If everyone at your school lived this passage out for one week, what would change?”