

Second Study

Our Love for God

Review: What did you learn from our first study and from reading John 1-5 that may have changed your view of God? Do you have any questions?

Theme passage: 1 John 4: 9-10 The focus is on how much God loves us.

Question: *“If this is how God loves us, what do you think our response should be to God?”*

Matthew 22:34-40 Loving God is the greatest commandment. From the Bible, what are some ways we can best love God?

A. Seek Him

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (context is when the nation of Israel was in Babylonian captivity and promised a return to her home country. God’s promise was to the nation, but it represents his desires to bless all of mankind.)

Luke 11:9-10 Individual / personal response needed. Seek and you will find!

Acts 17: 24-27 **God has set up our lives to help us find him.**

B. Believe in Him !

Hebrews 11:6 Once we find Him, we must believe in Him.

John 6:28-29 Belief and trust in God is a must.

John 14:1 Trusting in Christ is trusting in God

C. Obey Him!

John 14:23-24 Our love for God is shown through obedience to God.

1 John 2:3-6; 1 John 5:3-6 If we know God, we obey God and walk as Jesus did.

Acts 2:36-38 Both “Lord” and “Christ”. Must go together. Christ= Messiah, savior. Lord= Master, ruler. Jesus is Lord of *all!*

Romans 10:9 “Confession” From the heart, Jesus is Lord.

D. Follow Him!

Luke 9:23-26 Deny yourself and pick up your cross daily.

Mark 1:14-18 Fisher of men. Bringing souls to Jesus!

Luke 14:25-33 Count the cost. Is Jesus really lord?

Luke 9:57-62 No looking back to the world.

“What is the connection between being in love with God and doing what he asks us to do?”

E. Worship Him!

Worship is something we do privately and together with others. **Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25**

Worship is more than church attendance (**Romans 15:5-6**)

Worship is something we do 24/7/365! We worship through our lives.

Let’s look at a person who encompassed all these things, a real truth seeker.

Acts 8:26-39 How does this example show each of the above points about seeking God?

Assignment: Start keeping a journal of what you’re learning about your relationship with God. What you’re putting into practice.

