

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? We've seen God's love for us, how about your love for 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. Sincere seeking leads to sincere believing!

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

C. Obey Him!

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

1 John 2:3-6 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.

E. Worship Him!

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

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.

