

Discussion & Application:

1. What is the “**greatest commandment**” (Mt. 22:36-40)? How are you doing at loving God and loving your neighbor as He commanded us? Share some practical examples of how you do that. How might you improve? Be specific.
2. How much time do you spend thinking about and meditating upon **God’s love for you**? What comes to your mind when you think about it? What Scriptures come to mind?
3. One famous pastor asked his large pastoral staff to each take the time to share openly and honestly with the rest of the staff about their relationship with their fathers. Some of the men took hours talking about their dads (good or bad) and the impact he had on their lives. How might our relationship with our human fathers impact our perception of our Heavenly Father? If the impact is negative, how can we overcome it and see the Fatherhood of God positively?
4. If an unbeliever were to ask you, how would you **describe God’s love for you**?
5. Do you ever **doubt** God’s love for you? If so, how do you overcome those doubts? What biblical truth helps you overcome those doubts and fears?
6. **John 17:22-23** tells us that God the Father loves us the way He loves Jesus. What does that mean? How does the Father love Jesus? What impact does that have on you?
7. Read **Ezekiel 16**. In what sense were the Jewish people like the newborn baby in verses 1-5? What did God do for them in verses 6-14? How did the people respond to God’s gracious love in verses 15-34? What did God do in response to get their attention in verses 35-59? If you were God, what would you have done with a wife that treated you that way? How does God respond in verses 60-63? What does this tell you about God’s love? [For extra credit, read the book of **Hosea** and see how God’s love for Israel was demonstrated by Hosea’s love for Gomer]
8. **Why** did God choose us? **When** did He start loving us? How faithful is God to His covenant promises?
9. How does understanding God’s love impact the way we love others? (1 John 4:19; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; John 13:34-35; Lk. 6:27-36)
10. The Bible says we are the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:25ff). If you are a husband, what went through your mind when you saw your bride walking down the aisle? What joy did you experience? What commitments were you making even before the pastor asked you? What do you think goes through the mind & heart of Jesus when He looks at you? How is that possible?
11. **Eph. 3:14ff** describes God’s love having infinite dimensions. Paul prays that we will “comprehend” the dimensions of God’s love and “know” Christ’s love that surpasses knowledge. What is the difference between comprehending and knowing? How can we grow in our understanding of God’s infinite love?
12. Take time this week to **meditate on the love God has for you**. Ask Him to open your eyes to understand it more and more and more. Ask Him to enable you to rest in His love, grow in His love, and love others the way He loves you.

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Selected Scriptures

“God’s Love For Us”

1. **WHO** God is.

- 1 John 4:8, 16; Ps. 8

2. **HOW** God loves.

- John 3:16; 15:13

3. **WHAT** God loves.

- John 3:35; 17:24; 14:31; Rom. 5:5; Jn. 16:14

- Ps. 87; Dt. 7:8; Jn. 3:16; Ps. 37:28; 146:8; 2 Cor. 9:6f; Prov. 3:12; Heb. 12:6

- Mt. 5:44-45

- John 17:22–23

4. WHY He loves us.

- Deut. 7:6-8
- Eph. 1:3-7
- Ezek. 16 (cf. Hosea)

5. WHY it's important for us to understand it.

- 1 John 4:19
- 2 Cor. 5:14-15
- Ps. 103:17; Rev. 1:5
- Eph. 5:25ff

- John 13:34–35

- Luke 6:27–36

- Rom. 8:31-39

6. HOW we can grow in our understanding of it.

- Eph. 3:14-19
- 1 John 4 – perfected love

Appl:

- Study God's love
- Pray about understanding God's love
- Meditate upon God's love
- Respond to God's love