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A NEW KIND OF LOVE FOR GOD New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers

Topic: Love God with All Your Heart, Soul, and Mind

Question: Are we truly falling in love with God?

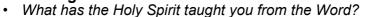
Report & Celebrate (20-40 minutes)

1. Share & Care

Share life's journey by spending time together and communicating during the week. Talk about your joys and your struggles, and support one another in prayer.



2. Accountability Following Jesus



• What was your "obedience" goal last week? How were you faithful to obey what God put on your heart?



Report

Fishing for Jesus

- Which family and friends have you been praying for?
- Has God given you opportunities to witness? If not, what opportunities did you miss? Excuses made?



3. Worship

Praise God for what has just been shared. Use a song, read a Psalm, or share a testimony of answered prayer!



Notes:

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear & Obey (20-40 minutes)

4. New Lesson - What does the story **SAY**? Read Matthew 22:34-40 & Deuteronomy 10:12-13.



- What do you learn about Jesus (God) in these passages?
- Is there a command to obey in these passages? How can we put it into practice?

Read Psalm 73:25-26 and Psalm 63:1. In these passages we see David's example.

· What do you learn from David?

5. Application - What must I **OBEY**?

• What is God leading me to change in my life in response to this story?



Notes:

 Before reading Psalm 73 and 63, explain that they were written by King David, whom God describes as "a man after my own heart who will do everything I want him to do" in Acts 13:22.



Do's and Do Not's

- Do let the Holy Spirit be the teacher.
- Do remember to study for obedience rather than for knowledge!
- **Don't** dominate the conversation; encourage everyone to participate. Facilitator = 30%, Participants = 70%
- Don't demand correct answers.
- Don't get distracted, stay on topic.

The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34-40

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees with His reply, they met together to question Him again. 35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

37 Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Fear God and Live to Please Him

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

12 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases Him, and love Him and serve Him with all your heart and soul. 13 And you must always obey the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.

Longing for God

Psalm 73:25-26

25 Whom have I in heaven but You?

I desire You more than anything on earth.

26 My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.

Psalm 63:1

O God, You are my God; I earnestly search for You. My soul thirsts for You; my whole body longs for You in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

6. Practice

 Role play meeting a stranger who thinks all he needs to do to get to heaven is to be "good enough." Practice how you might handle that conversation. Find a way to share the true gospel with him!



Equip

7. Plan - With whom can I SHARE?

- With whom will you share this new lesson?
- Who will you pray with this week?





Plan

8. Cast Vision

Use a story, a Bible passage, or a personal illustration to cast a <u>compelling</u> vision of how God wants to impact lostness in your city and beyond! Ideas can also be found on the AIM Trainers website.



9. Commissioning Prayer



Pray for one another for <u>boldness</u> to share!

Pray

Extra Challenge: (verse to memorize, Bible passages to read, topic to research)



