



# STUDY GUIDE

## LOVE JESUS 11.01.2015

### [set up]

What is love and where did it come from?

What evidence do we see when someone loves someone or something?

### [digging deeper]

We kicked off a new series this week called “Love Jesus.” The hope for this month’s series is to be reminded of God’s great love for us and, in light of that, evaluate and grow in our love for Jesus. Last Sunday we looked at John 21 and saw how Jesus demonstrated His love for Peter and how Peter responded. Open up to John 21:1-22 and read the passage again.

How did Jesus show love for Peter in this encounter (keep in mind Peter’s state of mind and the events that had occurred in the weeks before)?

How do you see Peter’s love for Jesus here?

What do we know about Peter’s life from this point forward that would demonstrate Peter’s love for Jesus?

Where do you see yourself in this account? What moment can you personally relate to in regards to your relationship with Christ?

On a scale of 1 (low) – 10 (high), where would you place your current love for Jesus? What would need to happen in your heart and life to grow in your love for Jesus? It might be helpful to think about what distractions or affections compete with your love for Jesus.

Finish this sentence:

When I love Jesus more, I \_\_\_\_\_.

Spend some time looking up these verses and writing a summary statement for each one on how they can help encourage us to grow in our love for Jesus.

- Deut. 6:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 John 4:10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 John 4:19 \_\_\_\_\_
- Eph. 2:4-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Jude 21 \_\_\_\_\_
- Phil. 1:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Peter 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_

### **[living it out]**

Although love is not simply a verb, it does produce action in our life. What action step can you take starting in this moment to move toward a greater love for Jesus?

What are some other changes that you need to start making this week to help cultivate a greater love for Jesus? (Reminders, distractions to remove, sacrifices to make, people to draw closer to or to distance from, different uses of time, etc.)

Spend this closing time focusing your prayers on these two themes:

- Jesus, help me to love you more.
- Jesus, use me to help others love you more.