



STUDY GUIDE

LOVE JESUS 11.08.2015

[set up]

When it comes to loving people well, we know a couple things:

- We know that people feel love differently, and we are careful to make sure that we are effectively communicating love to people we care about in ways they will understand and feel loved.
- We know that the recipient of our love dictates the type of love we give.
- We know that a solid relationship involves both “noun love” and “verb love.”

Jesus commands us to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength – how do we do that?

He also commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Do you know how to love your neighbor? Find out!

[digging deeper]

Each verse in Psalm 119 says something about God’s commands and its impact on the individual. In your group, have each person read through one the sections in Psalm 119. What are the different words used to refer to God’s commands? What is the psalmist saying about God’s commands?

Compare this week’s text, John 14:15-24, with 1 John 2:1-6, 3:34 and John 15:10-11. What themes do you see about Jesus’ commands, love, and this concept of abiding?

[living it out]

What do I do when I feel like Jesus’ commands are burdensome?
1 John 5:3; Matthew 11:28-30

What do I do when I don’t want to obey?
Galatians 5:1, 16; Ephesians 4:17-24

How have you experienced joy in obedience?