

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### How to Love God August 18, 2024

#### Summary

Pastor Dale Hummel spoke about how we can love God in response to His immeasurable love and sacrifice, drawing parallels to Welles Crowther's selfless heroism on September 11, 2001. Just as Crowther's actions were a profound example of self-sacrificial love, we are called to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. This means loving God through worship, obedience, repentance, trust, sacrifice, seeking His will and expressing gratitude. Pastor Dale encourages believers to reflect on how these practices can deepen their relationship with God and demonstrate their love for Him.

#### Scripture

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Matthew 22:34-36 (NLT)

#### Let's Start

What stands out to you from David's life, as discussed by Pastor Dale in this message?

#### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

#### Let's Talk

Pastor Dale shared seven ways to show God how much you love Him from the life of David:

- Love God through worship: (2 Samuel 6:14-22).
- Love God through obedience: (1 Samuel 24:1-7; John 14:15).
- Love God through repentance: (Psalm 51).
- Love God through trust: (1 Samuel 17:45-47).
- Love God through sacrifice: (2 Samuel 24:18-25).
- Love God through seeking His Will: (2 Samuel 5:19-25).
- Love God through gratitude: (1 Chronicles 29:10-14).

Discuss the questions below on these seven ways to love God:

1. **Worship:** How can we ensure our worship of God is genuine and focused more on Him than ourselves? What are some ways to express worship in our daily lives?

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2. **Obedience:** How do you differentiate between obedience driven by love and obedience driven by legalism? Share an example from your life where you had to choose obedience out of love.
3. **Repentance:** Reflecting on Psalm 51 and the concept of true repentance, how can we cultivate a genuine sense of remorse and a commitment to change in our lives?
4. **Trust in God:** What does trusting God look like in challenging or uncertain times? Share a personal experience where trusting God made a significant difference in your life.
5. **Sacrifice:** How do you understand the role of sacrifice in loving God? Can you think of a time when you made a sacrifice that demonstrated your love for God?
6. **Seeking God's Will:** How do you seek God's will in your daily decisions? Can you share a recent decision where seeking God's guidance played a crucial role?
7. **Gratitude:** How can maintaining a posture of gratitude influence our relationship with God and our daily outlook on life? How can you cultivate an attitude of gratitude?

### Act

Choose one principle and discuss how you plan to incorporate it more fully into your daily walk with God.

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