

# COMMAND: LOVE

## EXPANDED LEADER INFORMATION

<i>Looking Back</i>	<i>Looking Up</i>	<i>Looking Forward</i>
<p><b>1. CARE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PRAISES/REQUESTS</li><li>• PRAY FOR EACH OTHER</li></ul> <p><b>2. LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ABIDE?</li><li>• MISSION STATEMENT?</li><li>• PREVIOUS GOAL(S)</li></ul>	<p><b>3. WORSHIP + SEEK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 CORINTHIANS 14:26</li></ul> <p><b>4. VISION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GREAT COMMISSION</li></ul> <p><b>5. NEW LESSON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COMMAND &gt; STORY &gt; READ &gt; ASK &gt; EXPLORE</li></ul>	<p><b>6. SETTING GOALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HOW WILL WE OBEY AND APPLY THE COMMAND?</li></ul> <p><b>7. PRACTICE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 20 SEC TESTIMONY   3 CIRCLES   OIKOS MAP</li></ul> <p><b>8. COMMISSION</b></p>

## NEW LESSON

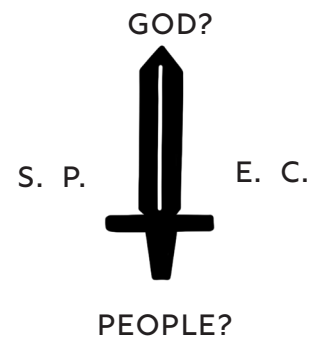
**READ THE COMMAND:** IN MATTHEW 22:37-39, JESUS SAYS...

**TELL THE STORY:** THE GOOD SAMARITAN (LUKE 10:25-37)

**READ THE STORY ALOUD**

**DISCOVER/ASK:** USE THE SWORD BIBLE STUDY METHOD TO DISCUSS THE STORY AND REVEAL ITS MEANING FOR OUR LIVES

- PRACTICE RETELLING THE STORY



### WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT GOD?

- God desires to be loved by all of who we are (heart, soul, strength, and mind (v.27)).
- God desires that we love our neighbors as ourselves (v.27).
- Important to note: In this story Jesus uses a Samaritan as the one who showed mercy to the man who was beaten. Samaritans were hated by the Jews. Samaritan's were considered unclean. He was speaking to the Israelite Jews saying that if the Samaritans can be the loving neighbor, where does that lead them?

### WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT PEOPLE?

- We are to love God fully (heart, soul, strength & mind V.27)
- We are to love our neighbor as ourselves (V.27)
- We are to have compassion on those in need (V.33)
- We are to show mercy to those in need (V.37)

### ARE THERE ANY SINS IN THE PASSAGE TO AVOID?

- The command is to LOVE your neighbor as yourself...so anything short of that!

## ARE THERE ANY PROMISES IN THE PASSAGE THAT WE SHOULD BEHOLD ?

- IF WE LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL OF OUR HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH & MIND AND WE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES YOU WILL LIVE (V.27-28)

## ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES IN THE PASSAGE TO FOLLOW?

- The Good Samaritan

## ARE THERE ANY COMMANDS IN THE PASSAGE TO BE OBEYED?

- To love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, strength & mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.

## EXPLORE MORE:

### A. WHAT IS LOVE?

- Read John 15:13, 1 Corinthians 13, 1 John 4:8

### B. WHY DO WE LOVE?

- John 13:34-45, Because Jesus loved us first. Love teaches the world about Jesus.

### C. WHO DO WE LOVE?

- Matthew 22:37-39 - First we need to love God, then we need to love our neighbors.

### D. HOW DO WE LOVE?

- John 14:15 - Loving Jesus means we obey him. John 21:17- Loving others means telling them what God has done for you

## SET GOALS

- Example: How could we show love to (1) God and (2) others in an intentional way this week?