

How We Love God, Pt I

Series: On Mission

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Getting started:

- We are going to spend four weeks looking at the Oakridge mission statement - "Love God, Love People, Love Serving."
- The statement is a corporate statement. Each part is interrelated and they're woven together, describing who we are as a church.
- We cannot pick and choose what part of this that we are going to live out while ignoring the rest of it.
- **Mt. 22:34-40** gives us "The Great Commandment."
- **Rom. 5:1-5** tells us that God has put His love in our heart. This love is given to us by the Holy Spirit. This enables us to love God.
- The word for "love" in **vs. 5** (agape) points to a self-sacrificing love. It carries the idea of putting others above ourselves, helping them become all they can for God without expecting anything.

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Review - Live what we learn

- In **Jn. 13-17**, we read of many things Jesus taught the disciples.
- In **Jn. 14:15**, Jesus clearly taught that one way to show that we love Him is by keeping His commandments. His commandments are what He taught and what would be given to us.
- **1 Jn. 2:4-6** tells us that if we say that we know God but do not follow His commandments, we are liars and His truth is not in us.
- In **Jn. 14:15** the word "love" is conditional. The way we show our love for God is reflected in keeping Christ's words. John uses the word "commandment" often (**1 Jn. 3:22-24; 1 Jn. 4:21; 1 Jn. 5:3**).
- In **Jn. 14:15**, the word "keep" means that we "observe and give attention to" what God has told us. We also do what it says. The Spirit teaches us the things of God (**Jn. 14:26**). See **Jn. 14:21-24**.
- **Learning God's Word requires of us: (1)** We have to be willing to be in the Word; **(2)** We must surrender our learning to the Holy Spirit; **(3)** We must apply what we are learning.

- **Practical for Individuals:** We must spend time in the Word. Use tools that God has provided to help us grow in our knowledge and application of Scripture. Study what it says about various things.
- **Practical For Churches:** Studies must deepen our knowledge of the Scriptures and how they apply to life. Encourage each other in our walks with God and apply Scripture in life and service.