

## Generous Love!

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### BIG IDEA

God is God. God knows He's God. Therefore, because God is God and He knows He's God, the most loving thing that God could do for us is to command all of our love towards Him. Anything less than God commanding that we love ALL of Him with all of our hearts would be unlovable. But, we cannot give to God that which is not in us to give. Doing the most important thing (loving God) requires that we receive from God daily the love that He has for us.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Mark 12:28-34](#) – in response to the religious leader, Jesus says that of all the 613 commandments in the Old Testament, 'loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength is the greatest.' Why is this command the most important? Why is the command to 'love God' the most loving thing that He could do for us?
2. Scripture says that God is a jealous God (read [Exodus 20:5](#)). Why is God jealous for your affection, love, adoration? Why does He not tolerate our love going to other things? How is the jealousy of God different from the jealousy of man?
3. If loving God with all of who we are is the most important thing that we could do with our lives, then why is it so difficult to love God? Why do we choose so often to love lesser things?

As you consider your response, please look back to the Old Testament story of the nation of Israel. They were the first ones to hear this command and they were the first ones to stray so far from this command. What made loving God for them so difficult? Why did they continually choose loving lesser things? What might we learn from their example?

4. We will not be able to love God with an empty heart. In other words, we cannot give to God that which is not in our hearts to give? If living out the most important thing on a daily basis requires that our hearts be filled with God's great love for us, then how can our hearts be filled everyday? Think through some practical ways in which you can daily receive and enjoy God's great love for you.
5. We need not be confused on how God feels about us – we are loved! Would God know that you love Him? What are some practical ways in which the God of the universe would know that you love Him? How are you demonstrating love for God?
6. If the most important thing we could do with our lives is to love God with all of our hearts, then how can we help others who do not know God to accomplish the most important thing?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday – Generous Servants.** Join the GENESIS community this Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> as we continue the {be} Generous series. Next up: Generous Neighbor.
- **the WELL** – join the GENESIS Community this Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8PM for a powerful evening of prayer and worship.
- **SERVE** – GENESIS relies on a huge community of volunteers and we need your help! If not already serving, please consider serving in one of the following areas: Connections, GENESIS Kids, Student Ministries, Worship, Creative, Facilities. Learn more at: [genesisthejourney.com/serve](http://genesisthejourney.com/serve)