


Discussion Guide

Series: Road Trip, wk4 Share Your Story?

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Big Idea

 We inspire others into a journey of becoming more like Jesus by loving God entirely, and loving others!

Icebreaker

Where is a place you have traveled to that you would readily encourage others to travel & why?

Discussion Questions

1. Read Mark 12:28-31. In stating what he did regarding the most important commandment, what is Jesus really calling us to? Though this a rather short statement from Jesus, what makes it profound? The sermon pointed out how Jesus' words here reveal the truth that there is a 'personal' and 'social' aspect to holiness. What parts of this passage point to each of those?
2. Love God: Heart: Read Matthew 15:18-20, which speaks of the critical nature of our heart in loving God. How did this differ from the way in which the Old Testament people of God understood pleasing Him? Do people still "miss the mark" by trying to please God in that same manner today & if so, how? In practical ways, what does it "look-like" to appropriately love the Lord, our God, with all our heart? What can we engage in to allow God to renew our heart?
3. Love God: Soul: Read Exodus 20:2-6 & Matthew 16:26. Soul worship (love of God) is largely about what we place our highest value on. This can be determined by looking at what we allow to rule & give order to our days. Share what threatens to rule & give order to your days other than worship of the Lord? While living in the busy; demanding world that you we do where we can't just ignore our responsibilities as a mom/dad, family member, employee/employer, friend, civically active person, etc. how can you ensure that worship of God via your soul still rules & gives order to your days?
4. Love God: Mind: Read Isaiah 26:3 & Romans 8:5-7 & Romans 12:2. What are some ways that we allow darkness to enter our minds? What are things we can regularly do & stay committed to that will combat this, replacing darkness with light? When has this been important for you and to your journey on the highway of sanctification (becoming more & more like Christ)?
5. Love God: Strength: Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 & Romans 12:1. How can one practically worship the Lord, their God, with all of their strength realizing their body is, in fact, the temple of the Holy Spirit? Why is this important and how does it enable us to most fully participate with the Holy Spirit and the plans that God has in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10)?
6. Re-read Mark 12:31 & Matthew 22:37-40. Per these readings are we to love the Lord, our God, in isolation and why or why not? What are practical things that we can, and should, do in order to follow the command of Jesus to "love our neighbor as ourselves"? Who are our 'neighbors'?

Concluding Question

We live in the constant tension of 'personal' and 'social' holiness, trying to ensure we are Participating with the Holy Spirit by engaging in each. How do we best balance these two?

Prayer

This series hopefully brought more recognition to the importance of the on-going journey we are on toward Glorification. Pray that all who heard these words of His will continue in their hunger to become more like Christ.