



WEEK 85 | "What We Hate Is As Important As Who We Love" | 5/24/26-5/30/26

LOOK BACK: TESTIMONIES & GOALS/ACCOUNTABILITY RECAP: As you look back over this past week, what steps did you take to meet your action goals from your last FDG meeting? Also, did you love on someone this week - by praying with them, sharing your testimony, discipling them, or sharing God's story?

LOOK UP: Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, and Luke 10:27 command us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength." If God calls us to love Him with "all," then no rival affection should compete for our devotion. This may sound radical, but Scripture says God is "a jealous God" and "a consuming fire" (Deut. 4:24). He Himself is the very definition of perfect love (1 John 4:9).

Satan's strategy is simple: to draw our hearts toward the things of this world and away from God. When Aaron made the golden calf, the Israelites attempted to worship both the idol and God, yet God's jealousy burned against them (Exod. 32:5,10). True worship allows no mixture - nothing that contends with our love for Him. Scripture repeatedly confirms this: "Do not love the world or anything in the world... If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them" (1 John 2:15). Likewise, Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money" (Matt. 6:24).

To clarify, Scripture also teaches that loving others is an expression of loving God, so this is not a call to stop loving people, but to keep God supreme above every competing affection.

Read Mark 12:30 & 1 John 2:15-17 & Matthew 6:19-24

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are things and mindsets that keep you from radically loving God?
2. What things of this 'age/world' are in your life right now that are hindering and competing with your love, time, and worship to God?
(i.e. What else do you Love?...What else do you Fear?...What else do you put your Trust in?...What else is a Treasure of your life?)
3. What is something you can do this week to engage your heart and actions in radical love for the Lord?

LOOK FORWARD: SET GOALS & ACCOUNTABILITY: Spend time together in prayer.

(1) Where is the Holy Spirit calling you to grow or obey this week? Write down one specific step and be ready to share next week.

(2) Who can you encourage, pray for, serve, or share Jesus with this week?

(3) Who could you begin discipling or inviting into an FDG, and what obstacle do you need prayer for?

PURPOSE OF FDG's:

To raise up disciple-making believers who follow Jesus by experientially teaching others to walk in His ways.