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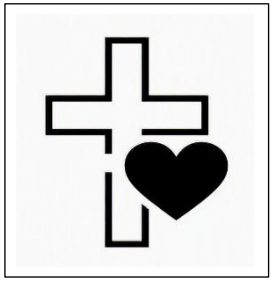
The church I pray you will be...

A church that loves God



Loving God is the most logical and obvious thing to do because He is the Lord God.

Looking for answers

Definition: to love God as He should be loved is to be fully devoted to Him, setting our affection on Him exclusively.

Read Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

1. How is God to be loved?
2. What will ensure that God is loved as instructed?

Read Deuteronomy 10: 12-13

3. How is a love for God expressed?

Read Deuteronomy 11: 13-21

4. If God is loved as He should be loved, what is the expected outcome?
5. What will compromise loving God as He should be loved?
6. What will ensure that God is loved as He should be loved?

Read Deuteronomy 13: 1-4

7. What test will prove that God is loved as He should be loved?

Read 1 John 4: 16, 19-21

8. Why is it possible to love God?
9. What proves that God is loved as He should be loved?

Read Mark 12: 28-32 & John 14:15

10. Why is this the greatest commandment?
11. How is God to be loved as He should be loved?
12. How does the man's response give the reason why God must be loved?

Making the life application…

1. Why should you love God?
2. How central is God in your life/church life? How can you keep Him central?
3. What does loving God look like in everyday life, personally and in church life?
4. How could you love God more/better?
5. How can you encourage others around you to love God? How can you set an example for others to imitate?
6. What distracts you from loving God? How can you love Him above all else?

Talking point...

If someone visited our church for the first time, what would convince them that we love God?

Asking God for help…

Dear Lord, teach us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Make our church a place where Your love is seen and felt. Let our lives show the world that You are love. Amen