

## The Heart of the Matter

12. By Jesus' definition what kind of "lover" are you?

13. In what ways do you want to grow in love right now: Toward God? Toward those in your family? Toward those in need?

14. How can you start showing more of your love and devotion to God in practical and tangible ways right now?

15. How can you start showing more of your love and devotion to people in practical and tangible ways right now?

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## Life Group Study Guide

### Love God, Love People Matthew 22:34-40 For the Week of February 4, 2018

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Who are the individuals in your life that you have loved the most?
3. Have you ever had someone try to test you or corner you with their questions? What happened?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. How did Jesus handle His detractors in the previous section of Scripture in Matthew 22:23-33?

5. What do you think was the goal of the Pharisees in questioning Jesus in 34-36? In what way were they trying to test Jesus?

6. What were the potential ramifications of how Jesus answered the Pharisees' question? What are the various ways that Jesus could have answered the question?

7. How did Jesus' response to the question in verses 37-40 put aside the Pharisees' attempt to corner Jesus?

8. Why do you think Jesus emphasized loving God with our heart, soul and mind? (Deuteronomy 6:5)

9. How is loving God related to loving people? (John 14:15; 1 John 2:9-11)

10. How is loving ourselves related to loving others? What do we need more of, self-love (self-esteem) or Christ-love (Christ-esteem)?

11. In what way does "all the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments?" (Exodus 20:1-17)