

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 9-19-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What was your favorite car growing up? How did you take care of it? List all the ways you cared for it.

Sunday's Main Scripture Text Mark 12:28-30 - "Loving God"

Digging Deeper:

1. What would you say is the definition of "heart, soul, mind and strength" in relation to how to love God?"
2. What, if anything, is difficult for you about this passage?
3. Where can you see Jesus demonstrating this command? In other words, where and how in Scripture does Jesus show His love for His Father?
4. In your definitions of "heart, soul, mind and strength" how would you actively pursue them this week? Be specific.
5. Does loving God always involve our feelings? Can you explain a time where your love for God welled up inside of you emotionally? Can you pinpoint what provoked that?
6. Is there another time where it was simply about your response of obedience without the emotion?

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?