

# Why Love God?

*Matthew 22:33-40*

● **WELCOME God's People (15 minutes)**

● **WORSHIP God (10 minutes – song, reading of Psalms or prayers of thanks/praise).** You can use prayers of thanksgiving or adoration as your time of worship

● **Live by God's WORD (45 minutes)**

The Lord is an awesome heavenly Father, and if we don't love Him, we lose out on the greatest relationship we can experience. Furthermore, we can't truly love other people until we first love God because He enables us to love the unlovely.

God has made Himself very real and knowable through the pages of Scripture and in the person of Jesus, and the more we learn about Him, the more reasons we'll discover to love Him.

Consider that:

1. **The Lord created us.** The sovereign Ruler of the universe made each one of us, and He is the only reason we exist.
2. **He's given us His Son.** Jesus came into the world to show us how our heavenly Father is loving and forgiving, and to give His own life as a ransom so we could be forgiven and have an intimate relationship with the Lord.
3. **God has made commitments to us.** This alone should provide the motivation we need to love Him with all our hearts. For example, we know:
  - The Lord will never leave nor forsake us ([Heb. 13:5](#)).
  - He'll supply all our needs ([Phil. 4:19](#)).
  - He'll answer our prayers ([Matt. 7:7](#)).
  - He has forgiven our sins ([1 John 1:9](#)).
  - He has given each of us at least one spiritual gift that enables us to live productive, fruitful lives and accomplish whatever He asks.
  - He fills us with the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live in a way that pleases and honors God.
  - Christ has prepared a place for us in heaven and will someday come again to take us there ([John 14:2-3](#)).
  - The Lord will give us beautiful and perfect resurrected bodies.
  - Through Jesus, we can have personal relationships with God that transcend any other human relationships.

Do you spend regular time in the Word of God? If not, schedule it. Make it a part of a routine, because the more you learn about your heavenly Father, the more your love for Him will grow and permeate your life. Then, it will spread to others as they see you live for His glory—and that alone is more than enough of a reason to love Him.

## **Suggested Questions for Discussion and Growth**

1. As you learn more about your heavenly Father, does your love for Him grow? How?
2. Does this love permeate your life in ways that will demonstrate to others that you live for His glory and purpose in everything you say and do? Explain.

### **●Impact God's WORLD (20 min)**

1. Think about ways to grow your group and give birth to a new group.
2. Pray for your lost relatives, co-workers. Ask the Lord to help be a good example.
3. Your group might think about visiting an elderly person or couple.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3 minutes:**

1. Share: ●any planned group activity ●important church announcements ●next meeting time
2. Keep a copy of the church bulletin to help remind the group of important events.

**CLOSING** – Please turn in your attendance each week. It helps us evaluate our progress.