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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Luke 10

“The Great Commandment – Part 2”

Discussion & Application:

1. Share with one another two or three ways you loved a “neighbor” this past week. What was their response. Did you take the opportunity to point them to Jesus who is the ultimate neighbor? If so, share how you did.
2. The Bible says that “God is love” (1 John 4:8). If God is love, and He created us in His image, what are the implications? Are unsaved people able to love? How does a person’s ability (or desire) to love change when they are born again?
3. Read through 1 John and identify every verse that talks about loving God or loving other people. What principles did you discover? What does love demonstrated toward others reveal about our true identity (see also John 13:34-35).
4. Pastor Paul believes that God created us to love Him forever, and that we find our greatest fulfillment and satisfaction in life when we are actively loving Him. How did sin impact that relationship? What common substitutes do Americans often love in their pursuit of fulfillment and satisfaction? Read Luke 14:26. What does Jesus in that statement? Why use the word “hate”?
5. Why does Luke include the story of Martha and Mary at this point in his book? How does it connect with the content of chapters 8-10? What does Martha illustrate? What does Mary illustrate? What principles can you learn from their examples (both good and bad)?
6. How often and for how long do you simply sit at the feet of Jesus and receive from Him? If you don’t, why not? If you do, what specific practices have helped make that time the most profitable?
7. Read 2 Tim. 3:1-5. As you read through the description of people in the last days, how is it possible that they could live that way and still claim that they have a “form of godliness”? What is the focus of their love? If you are guilty of any of the things Paul describes in those 5 verses, what specific steps will you take this week to repent and get back to loving God first and foremost? Who will help you?
8. Our love for God (invisible) is demonstrated by our love for others (visible). How are you doing in your love for people? Is it obvious that you love them? What tangible ways is it demonstrated in your lifestyle?
 - Love for Jesus
 - Jesus’ lordship in your life (obedience – Jn. 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10; 1 Jn. 5:3; 2 Jn. 6)
 - Jesus’ bride, the Church (1 Cor. 12-14 – attendance, service, sacrificial giving...)
 - Jesus’ family, individual believers (Acts 9:3-5 – persecuting believers = persecuting Jesus; Mt. 25:31-46 – serving people = serving Jesus)
 - People who don’t yet know Jesus (even your enemies – Mt. 5:43-48 – meeting their needs; especially their greatest need to know Jesus and have eternal life)
9. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well are you loving God and loving your neighbor? Read 1 John 4:19. How would meditating on who Jesus is and what He has done for you, help you to grow in your love for God and your neighbor? Read Rev. 2:1-7. If your love for God isn’t what it used to be, what should you do right now to renew your love for Him?
10. Dr. John G. Mitchell, when asked what the problem was with the church in America, with tears in his eyes responded, “People just don’t love Jesus anymore.” Do you really love Jesus? How can you help others in our church love Jesus? Let’s be known as the church that loves God and loves our neighbor, because God first loved us.