

Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email info@revolutionky.org.

Series Synopsis

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul. And the second greatest is like it; love your neighbor as yourself. Love God and love your neighbor. That is our call as followers of Jesus Christ. That is our task. But what does that look like today?

In the 18th century, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, asked a similar question for his time; how should Christians live in the world so that they are growing in grace and holiness together? In response, Wesley penned three simple rules for holy living; do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Join us as we explore each of these rules, discover their foundations within Scripture and Wesleyan tradition, and ask how we can live them out in our own time and place.

Message Synopsis

Doing no harm and doing good are only possible when the desire to stay in love with God is foundational to our lives. It is God who sustains, guides, calls, sends, and transforms us for holy living. Apart from the power and presence of God, our attempts to follow the first two rules will fall short as simple good deeds. Community life, prayer, worship, Bible study, fasting, communion- this is where our love of God is nurtured and sustained for faithful living.

Key Scriptures

John 15:1-8, Romans 12:1-13

Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. When and where do you feel closest to God?
2. When and where have you experienced the love of God through our church community?
3. How has living under COVID restrictions impacted your ability to "stay in love with God?" What can we do as a community to help with this?
4. Where do you see an opportunity to lead your family in a particular practice that encourages you and/or your kids to grow in love and knowledge of God?

Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

Video: “Crazy Love – Session 6: When You’re In Love” by Francis Chan (7 min.)

(located in the “Renovation Bible Studies” channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/144?episode=6>

Discuss the questions at the end of the video, including:

1. Intimacy vs Reverence: Which do you struggle with in your relationship with God?
2. What kind of baggage do you carry around with you in your life that keeps you from loving God with all your heart, soul, and mind (habits, beliefs, perceptions, issues with fathers or authority figures, etc.)?
3. What does an “in-love” relationship mean to you? Does your relationship with God resemble an “in-love” relationship? Why or why not?

Family-Related Questions:

Video: “Raise Kids Who Love God” by Ed Stetzer (3 min.)

(located in the “Renovation Group Training Sessions” channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/144?episode=6>

1. How do your kids witness and model your love for God? How do they witness you walking out that love on a daily basis? Have there been any moments that you can tell have impacted your children like the example in this video?
2. In what other ways do your kids learn love from you? Through your marriage? Your work? Your service? Talk about your strengths and your struggles in these areas, and share any examples you have of how a) you were impacted by witnessing these things in your parents (or others you looked up to as kids) and b) how you are using these as an example for your own children.
3. Discuss the story of Ed prioritizing his daughter in the midst of the many other demands of ministry. Does this strike you as normal behavior or does it surprise you a little bit? How do you show this kind of love to your kids and where is the fine line between prioritizing them and teaching them patience and respect for the needs of others?