



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2024 | FATHER'S DAY WITH TRADERS POINT

WARM-UP QUESTION

Share a personal story where you felt the love of God through someone else's actions. How did it change or reinforce your understanding of God's love?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Matthew 22:34-40

- How did the Pharisees' approach to Jesus reveal their understanding of God's love?
- In what ways have you questioned Jesus in your own life?
- Why do you think loving our neighbor is so deeply connected to loving God?
- Who is our "neighbor" in today's context? How can we show love to them?
- Jesus states that all the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. What does this mean for how we interpret the rest of the Bible?
- Is there something you are loving before God and others?
- How does focusing on these commandments guide us as we pursue the way of Jesus?
- Can you think of a time when loving God or loving your neighbor was challenging for you? How did you handle it?

Read 1 John 4:7-12

- How did God show His love for us, according to this passage?
- Verse 8 says, "Anyone who does not love does not know God." Why do you think it is impossible to truly know God if we do not love others?
- Why is the sacrifice of Jesus central to our understanding of love, and how does our understanding of God's love for us affect the way we love others?
- What does it mean that "God lives in us and His love is made complete in us" when we love one another?
- What is the barrier that is keeping you from loving like God loves us?

RESPOND

- Spend time in prayer and ask God to deepen your love for Him and for those around you.
- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Spend time in prayer, asking for strength and wisdom to follow these commandments more closely.
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.