

Loving God

with the
Heart



Matthew 22:34-40

“Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them an expert in the law, tested him with a question:”



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“ ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’



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The Heart
Needs a Change

Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is
deceitful above all
things and beyond
cure. Who can
understand it?”



Ezekiel 36:26

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove for you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”



Change

- Consistency
- Direction
- Focus

Consistency

- From HARD to SOFT

Direction

- From INWARD to
OUTWARD

Focus

- From SELFISH to
SELFLESS

The Heart
Needs a Champion

Ephesians 3:16-17

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your being,



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“so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you being rooted and established in love, may have power,”



Champion

- Unique
- Freeing
- Empowering

Unique

- One-of-a-kind seems to stir the heart
- There is none like Jesus

Freeing

- The heart desires freedom
- Jesus came to set the heart free

Empowering

- The heart grows weak and discouraged
- Jesus came to encourage and strengthen



The Heart
Needs a Challenge

Ephesians 3:18-19

“ together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,



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“and to know this love
that surpasses
knowledge – that you
may be filled to the
measure of the
fullness of God.”



Challenge

- Wide
- Long
- High
- Deep

Wide

- Wide enough to embrace us and guide us

Long

- Long enough to last us through the entire journey and never run out

High

- High enough to lift us into heaven and exalt us to our high calling

Deep

- Deep enough to reach to the depth of our despair and sin and rescue us.

Conclusion

If God loves us like this – what would happen if he could love **THROUGH** us like this?

Conclusion

February

Two names and addresses of people unchurched/unsaved here within driving distance of the church... Turn them into the church – You pray for them & we pray for them.

Conclusion

March

We and you pray for the two names in March and ask God what act of love you might do for them. Do this in March.

Conclusion

April

We and you pray for the two names in April and ask God for opportunity to invite to Easter services.