

# Jesus Loved People

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**Open:** What is something others do that makes you feel loved?

**Read & Discuss:** Matthew 22:36-40

1. From what you know of other passages in Scripture (such as Luke 10:29-37), who would Jesus say is our “neighbor” (v. 39)? In what ways do we tend to love ourselves that should shape how we love others?
2. Why might Jesus say that the second of the greatest commandments is “like” the first (v. 39)? What are some examples of Old Testament commands that you would say “hang” on the commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself” (v. 40)?

**Read & Discuss:** John 15:12-13

3. How is the command of John 15:12 similar to or different from the command of Matthew 22:39? What are some ways Jesus has loved us that we should emulate as we love others?
4. What does Jesus expect us to understand about love by his statement in verse 13? Besides dying, describe some ways that we may lay down our lives for our friends.

**Read & Discuss:** Mark 10:17-22

5. List some admirable qualities you see in the young man of this passage. What shortcomings do you see? What do you think Jesus saw when he “looked” at this man (v. 21)?
6. Verse 21 says Jesus “loved” this man. According to the text, how does Jesus love this man? How could we apply Jesus’ example in our lives? How would loving correction look different from loveless correction?
7. How should verse 22 give perspective to our expectations in loving others? Have you had an experience similar to this encounter, in which there was loving correction? How did it go?

**Apply:** Sometime soon, make a list of five ways you could love others in the way Jesus loved others. Throughout the next week, begin each day by asking God to help you love in these ways. Right now, share a couple of items that you might put on your list of five ways you’ll love others.

**Pray:** Pray we would be a church family who love each other and all those around us as Jesus did.

## **Matthew 22:36-40**

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (ESV)

## **John 15:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. (ESV)

## **Mark 10:17-22**

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>20</sup> And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth."

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. (ESV)