

## LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

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## WORSHIP

By Your Love, Your Love  
Never Fails, What He's  
Done, How Deep  
The Father's Love,  
How Great Is Your Love

## WELCOME

What is one thing you  
appreciate about the  
Filipino culture or the  
culture you grew up in?

## WORD

## LUKE 10:27

And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

## MATTHEW 22:36-40

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

<sup>37</sup> And He said to him, "'You shall 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 great and foremost commandment. <sup>39</sup> The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets."

Culture is a set of shared values, norms, and beliefs as the way to think, feel, and behave. In this series, we are going to be looking at Biblical culture.

Our culture should stem from the mission of every Christian which is, "to honor God and make Christ-committed followers who will make Christ-committed followers" (**Matthew 28:19-20**). Mission is what we do. Vision, on the other hand, gives us a picture of what the future can be like if we do our mission. As a church, our vision is "to see a movement of millions of committed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting in small groups and transforming lives, families, communities and nations, for the glory of God" (**Revelation 7:9**).

Our core values are:

Love God, Love Others  
Obey God's Word and Authorities  
Volunteer  
Engage the Family

Biblical culture is extracting principles from the Bible and living them out as a body of believers.

LOVE GOD (**Matthew 22:36-38**)

The great and foremost commandment is to love God (**Matthew 22:36-38**).

One of the reasons we struggle so much with sin is because we fail to see how beautiful and how wonderful God really is. Sometimes, we love sin more than we love God. The things that we temporarily get from sin, God wants to freely offer from Himself. It is God who enables us to love Him more.

When we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, it affects the way we make decisions. We would be thinking what would bring most glory and honor to God. We are on a journey of growing deeper and deeper in love with the Lord. "The things we daydream about the most readily and instinctively when nothing else is occupying our thoughts reveal what we live for and serve" (Tim Keller). If we love Jesus, we will obey Jesus. Jesus' culture will be our culture (**John 14:15**).

We may feel sometimes that being a Christian is burdensome; but as we get to know who God is, we see that God is somebody we can trust. He wants what is best for us. His commandments are for our best interest; they are not burdensome. We can follow God! We all need to grow in loving God (**1 John 5:3**). That is what it means to love God.

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## WORD

### LOVE OTHERS (Matthew 22:39-40)

Jesus goes to the second commandment which is to love others (**Matthew 22:39-40**). Jesus was explaining to a lawyer who is trying to test Jesus. A lawyer back then was somebody who was an expert on the Old Testament Law, the first five books of the Bible. The religious people did not like Jesus because He would hang out with the sinners.

In **Luke 10**, this lawyer wants Jesus to say something that he can use against Him (**v.25**). Jesus in turn asked him (**v.26**). This lawyer answered correctly (**v.27**). Jesus answered him to “do it” (**v.28**). Jesus knew what was in his heart—the lawyer wanted to justify himself (**v.29**). Until we see ourselves for who we really are, we will be full of justification and we will miss the point. Nobody can really fully love God and to be good enough for heaven. We need Jesus.

Jesus goes on to tell a story about a man from Jerusalem going to Jericho who encountered robbers, was beaten, left almost half dead, and needed help (**v.30**). A priest came upon him, but passed by on the other side (**v.31**) and so did a Levite (**v.32**). Help did not come from these two religious leaders. People around us need help, not just physical help but spiritual help because without Christ, we are spiritually dead.

Unless we understand what people are going through, we also will not have compassion. The Samaritan who came upon the man felt compassion and took care of him (**vv.33-34**). Here is a Samaritan helping an enemy and somebody who didn't deserved to be helped (**v.35**). He is showing compassion and care and willing to take the cost. He did not put a limit to the person he was helping. He did not put a limit on his time. Jesus is showing the lawyer that this is supernatural. Jesus asked who among the three proved to be a neighbor (**v.36**) to which Jesus said to the lawyer, “do the same” (**v.37**). Jesus tells us to love this way (**Luke 6:27**) and to forgive others (**1 Peter 4:8**). We need Jesus to do this. Jesus took our place and forgave us (**1 John 4:10**). Because He forgave us, we can forgive others! We can love others and become a neighbor to them. We need God's grace because it is out of this overflow that we do things we never thought we could do, like loving our enemies, praying for those who curse us, and forgiving people who have hurt us.

Jesus is the Good Samaritan. Like Jesus, may we be known to have a culture of loving God and loving others.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

#### 1. Self-Check.

Who do you love most today? What is preventing you from loving Jesus above all?

#### 2. Setting It Right.

Who in my life is in need? How can Jesus use me to love like He loves?

#### 3. Living It Out.

How can I grow in my love for God and for others?

## WORKS

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for those needing help to find their ultimate help from Jesus. Go out of your way to show compassion, love, and care to the people around you. Share the message of God's love to someone this week.

## WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's help and comfort for the Sudanese people caught in violence and conflict.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; tension in East Asian and Middle East countries to stop.
- Continue to pray for the rest of Israeli hostages to be restored back to their families safely. Pray for Israel and the war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory.
- For the recent political and social upheaval in the US to result in spiritual awakening in the church and a great spiritual harvest.

### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, dleaders, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

## MEMORY VERSE

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