

LOVE

Who are we called to love?

Those in your family (*close and extended*)

Those in our church

Those other Christians

Those you work or attend school with

Your neighbors & friends

Those you do not know personally





Learning to Love like God

Love God and Others

Matthew 22:36-40 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “**‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’** ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor as yourself.**’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



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Invitation

Moving yourself toward Jesus

Give some time everyday to be honest with God about what you need and what hurts and allow Him to care for you.

Moving others toward Jesus

Write out the names of the people you are around and begin praying for them, asking God to make you more aware of them, and to teach you how to love them.

