

**PRIORITIES**  
**Mark 12:29-30 (ESV)**

**BY GOD'S GRACE, THE KING'S CHAPEL WILL BE:**

**1. A PRAYING CHURCH**

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV)**

*"if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land"*

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**2. A PRAISING CHURCH**

**Psalms 150 (ESV)**

*"Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!"*

**Ephesians 5:19 (ESV)**

*"be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart"*

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**3. A PROCLAIMING CHURCH**

**1 John 1:1-4 (ESV)**

*"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*

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**OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY: LOVE GOD**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV)**

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

**Mark 12:29-30 (ESV)**

*29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'*

**HOW TO GROW IN LOVE FOR GOD:**

**John 14:15-17 (ESV)**

*16 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

1. **ASK GOD TO CHANGE YOU** (*You shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart***)

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2. **ALIGN YOUR THINKING WITH GOD'S WORD** (*You shall love the Lord your God with all your **mind***)

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3. **ACT IN LOVE TOWARD GOD** (*You shall love the Lord your God with all your **strength***)

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4. **ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU** (*You shall love the Lord your God with all your **soul***)

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**Romans 5:8 (ESV)** *"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

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**SMALL GROUP/PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

- Pray, Praise, Proclaim – which of these priorities comes most naturally to you? Which of these is the most challenging? Why do you think?
- Which one of the three will you seek to incorporate in the life of your household this week? How?
- What do you think it means to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?
- Have there been times in your life that your affection for God was exceptionally stirred? What characterized those times? Share those stories.
- What would the Church look like if people loved God whole-heartedly? Paint a picture in your mind.