

**INTENTIONAL: In Loving God**

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2. Is there a process to being intentional? If yes, outline your process. If no, can you explain why you believe there is not a process?
3. In his closing message, Pastor Bill quoted Jesus saying, "If you really love the Lord you will keep His commandments." (John 14:21). How do you grade yourself on keeping God's commandments? List the commandments you keep really well and list the commandments you keep sometimes. Finally, list the commandments you rarely or never keep.
4. The Great Commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, (mind), and strength (see Deuteronomy 6:5 and Mark 12:30). What does intentional or intentionality look like for you as you endeavor to obey and make this commandment true in your life? Be specific.
  - Describe steps or ways you are attempting to grow in love for God "with all your heart." Can you share what "loving God with all your heart" means for you?
  - Can you describe in the same way as "loving God with all your heart" what you do to grow in love for God with your soul? How would you describe the difference between loving with the heart and loving with the soul?
  - What do you do to love God with all your mind? How do you cultivate and grow your intellect/mind in a way that shows total love for God?
  - What does it mean to you to love God with all your strength? Can you describe your process(es)?
5. In what ways do your current habits, hobbies, and lifestyle negatively impact your ability to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? Are there specific next steps that you might consider to decrease the negative impacts? What is/are your next step(s)?

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