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## ***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***

### **D: B1M1: Love God and Others**

**February 22, 2015**

#### **Intro:**

1. See how the week went.
2. See if anyone wants to share what God has been teaching them this week (Maybe in the daily devotionals through 1 John or share the memory verse – Galatians 2.20.). Have them share. Maybe have someone share their story of faith.

#### **Study:**

##### **Read: 1 John 5.1-5**

1. As we begin over the next few weeks to talk about our values of disciples, what are the values that mark the world that we live in?
2. According to the text, what is love for God (5.1-3; Psalm 37.4; 63.3; 73.25-26) and how does the phrase, *His commandments are not burdensome* impact how we define love for God?

A good definition based on the text to help with your discussion: *Loving God means admiring, valuing, treasuring, desiring and delighting in God so passionately and authentically that His commands are not burdensome.*

Jesus says we are to love Him unlike any other in Luke 14.25-26. What is Jesus saying in these verses? How should our love for Jesus compare to our other relationships?

3. What is an expression of one's love for God according to 1 John 5.3? What command does John specifically have in mind that we are to obey (obviously all of God's commands, but what specifically in these verses – 1 John 4.20-5.2)? How do you and I love others (1 John 3.16-18)?
4. What are the forces in the world that make it hard for us to truly love God and others (1 John 2.15-17)? Discuss the impact of the three things John mentions and how they rob us of loving God and others as we should.
5. According to John 5.4-5, who loves others with the type of love that God is calling for? What does it mean to be born again? What is faith (2 Corinthians 4.4, 6; 1 John 3.23)? What is the significance of the order: *regeneration, faith in Christ and love others*?
6. What if we fail to love others as we should?

Walk through the following verses to help answer:

- 1 John 2.1-2
- 1 John 1.9
- 1 John 2.2
- 1 John 3.19-20

#### **Pray**