



OUR FAMILY VALUES

LOVE

Theme: Love 28

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Loving God.

Key Scripture: *John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."*

Read: Last week we looked at 2 questions in relation to the Father's love. Those questions were "What does it mean to be perfected in Love?" and "How does one be perfected in Love?" We can see from the verse above, that it is those who firstly have God's Commandments imbedded and written on their hearts through the Spirit and who keep these 2 commandments, who are the people who truly love Jesus.

It's one thing to say you love Jesus but it's an entirely different reality to be *in love* with Jesus and love Him the way He instructs. Jesus goes on to say that it is those who love Him through having His commandments and then demonstrating these commandments, who His Father loves.

These are powerful words and words which we must allow to penetrate deep into our hearts and minds if we are to love the way God instructs us to. Notice the outcome of the process of having His commandments and keeping them. Jesus says He will love us and disclose Himself to us. Now what does this mean for Jesus to disclose Himself to us?

Jesus longs to reveal Himself and the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge that are concealed in Him for us that are already prepared, and He does reveal Himself and everything in Himself to those who genuinely love Him. It is those who genuinely love Him that are found in His presence continuously, prioritising Him and His kingdom above everything else, making sure their treasure is Christ and where their treasure is, their heart is also.

Because the heart is the first place of understanding and Jesus has this person's whole heart, He shares with these people revelation upon revelation upon revelation of Himself and His kingdom purposes. Jesus discloses what is concealed through revelation to all those who are found in this place and the more He does this the more Eternal life is produced within each person. These people come into and have living within them the inheritance of the kingdom mysteries.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him." For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to have His commandments?
2. What does it mean to keep His commandments by the Spirit and not the letter?
3. What does Jesus disclosing Himself to those who love Him mean?
4. Why is it essential we are receiving this revelation of Him?
5. How does Jesus disclosing Himself to us build the church?

Action: What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place from going through this resource?