



On Sunday we kicked off a brand-new sermon series called “I Love You.” These three simple words carry incredible power; they can heal wounds, bring comfort, and soften even the hardest hearts. Today we begin this series by looking at the most important relationship in our entire life, our relationship with God. The Bible is filled with reminders of God’s deep love for us, but what about our love for Him? In Mark 12, Jesus has a conversation about the greatest commandment, and it all starts with making sure our love is directed toward the right place. As we dive into today’s discussion, let’s take a moment to reflect on what it truly means to love God with our entire being

1. We live in a world longing for love. Share a time when you felt fully loved by family, friends, or God. Take some time to describe the details of that situation, experience, or time with your group. What made it so special?
2. Read Mark 12:13 and 18. While Jesus is teaching in the Temple courts two groups try to trap Him with their questions. How can we approach Jesus more like the teacher of the law looking to learn from Jesus?
3. Read Mark 12:28-30. Jesus invites us to love God with our entire heart. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What are some things that compete for your heart’s devotion? What steps can you take to realign your heart to love God fully?
4. Jesus taught us to love God with all our soul. Read Psalm 19:7, 42:2, and 119:8. In today’s fast-paced world, what are some challenges that keep us from caring for our soul, and how can we overcome them?
5. Read Mark 12:30 once more. Jesus teaches us to love God with all our mind. Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 and Romans 12:1-2. What are some distractions or thought patterns that pull us away from this? What are three practical ways you can love God with your mind this week?
6. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Loving God with all our strength means using our time, energy, and abilities for His glory. What does this look like in everyday life? How can you love God with all your strength this week?
7. As you look back on the passages we studied this week, what is God speaking to you about loving Him with your entire being?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for strength to invite a friend to meet Jesus.