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Personal Study

Scripture: **I John 4:19**

“We love because He first loved us.”

Observation: What prompts us to love God? _____
What is the ultimate expression of God’s love for us? _____

Application: What are some ways in which God has loved you that make you want to love Him? _____

Prayer: Thank God for what He has done for you in Christ. Thank Him for the other ways He has shown that He loves you. Express your love to Him.

Scripture: **Matt 22:34–40**

“But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law. And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.””

Observation: What did Jesus mean by saying that all the Law and the Prophets depend on loving God and loving your neighbor? _____

Application: What are some things you can do to love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind? _____

Prayer: Ask God to help you get to know Him and to love Him with all your heart and soul and mind.

Scripture: **Psalm 1:1-3**

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

Observation: What is a God lover's attitude and action toward the Bible, God's Word? _____

Application: What benefits have you seen from reading and meditating on God's Word? _____

How could you meditate on God's Word more effectively? _____

Prayer: Thank God for the opportunity to know Him and hear from Him through His Word.
Thank Him for the benefits you have experienced through delighting in, meditating on and obeying His Word.