

How Much Do You Love Jesus?

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➤ Intro:

- **introspective lesson** you can blow off, or not think about - use to evaluate yourself and recommit self to Jesus
- - **introspective questions:** think about during lesson, answer at the end of the lesson
 - I love Jesus so much, I would _____!
 - If I had to _____, I would, because I love Jesus!
 - I love Jesus, but what can I do to love Him more?
- - **think about what you confess in these songs:**
 - song #414, *Oh How I Love Jesus* - review
 - song #110, *My Jesus I Love Thee* - review
- **this lesson:** think about how much you love Jesus, how much more you could love Him, commit to loving Him more

➤ Do you love Jesus enough to serve Him?

- **Col. 3:23-24** we serve Jesus
- - **illus.: Lk. 7:36-39, 44-48** serve Jesus **because love** much – anything she wouldn't do – us today
- **illus.: Simon of Cyrene** compelled to bear Jesus' cross, describe scene - anything not do for Jesus?
- **Do you love Jesus enough to serve Him? – weepingly wash feet? – anything not do for Jesus?**

➤ Do you love Jesus enough to obey Him?

- **It's one thing to say "I love Jesus", but it's another to show you love Jesus by obeying Him.**
 - talk is cheap
- **Jn. 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:9-10, 13-14** to love Jesus is to obey Him (*agape*)
 - **no greater love than die for friends: Jesus died for us / we die for Jesus by obeying**
 - **What do you tell Jesus when you obey Him – disobey Him?**
 - **How do you tell Jesus you love Him – obey or disobey?**
 - **illus: How does a wife show she loves her husband?**
 - wife subject to her husband in the Lord (Eph. 5:22)
 - What does a rebellious wife tell her husband by her actions? – even if says she loves him

➤ Do you love Jesus more than family – friends? - strongest human feelings (love)

- **Lk. 14:26-27, 33** love Jesus more than family – **Jesus above family – Jesus sets "boundaries"**
 - **young people:** love Jesus more than friends
- - **Matt. 10:32-33, 34, 35-39** confess Jesus, sword, love Jesus more
- - **Matt. 12:46-50** Jesus is our family, comes first – do will Father
 - **marriage:** if Jesus your family, you will have best earthly family possible
- **If you had to choose between Jesus or family (friends), who would you choose?**
 - spouse, parents, children, grandparents, friends

➤ Do you love Jesus more than yourself – money?

- **Eph. 5:2; Phil. 2:5-8** Jesus loved us more than Himself (rf. Rom. 15:2-3)
- - **Lk. 9:23-26** we love Jesus more than self - take up cross daily
- - **Gal. 2:20** live for Jesus, not for self - love Jesus more
 - **illus: #340, I Gave My Life For Thee** - review - inv. song at end
- - **Matt. 6:24** can't serve two masters: Jesus or money, Jesus or self, Jesus or Satan - **Whom do you serve?**

➤ **Do you love Jesus more than sin?**

- **2 Tim. 3:4; 2 Th. 2:12** two types people: love God / love pleasure and wickedness
- - **Heb. 11:24-26** like **Moses**, we chose to be with God's people than enjoy sin
- - **illus.: Matt. 13:44-46** parables, **treasure and pearl** – give all to be Christ's disciple
- **Do you love Jesus more than pleasure and sin? Will you give everything to serve Him?**

➤ **Do you love Jesus enough to walk in His footsteps?**

- **1 Pet. 2:21** Christ suffered for you, example, follow in His steps
- **song #239, *Footprints of Jesus* - review**
- **Are you willing to walk to Jesus' footprints?** - relate to song - result of journey

Summary / Inv.

- **review PP** - relate to walking in footprints of Jesus
- - **introspective questions:** think about during lesson, answer at the end of the lesson
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 - I love Jesus, but what can I do to love Him more?
- **inv.**
 - **song # 340, *I Gave My Life For Thee* - rf. point above**
 - **Do you love Jesus as much as He loves you?** – He gave His life for you, what are you giving to Him?