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Rush Creek Loves Week 2

Love God - The Foundation of Spiritual Formation

In the sermon this week we learned that loving God is the center of our identity and the fuel behind our ministry. A disciple's relationship with God is personal, deep, and intentional.

Ask This:

- **Last week we introduced our new vision statement: "Rush Creek Loves helping people find and follow Jesus." What stood out to you most about it?**
- **As you've reflected on our new vision, which of the three practices—Love God, Love People, or Live Sent—do you feel most confident living out? Which one stretches you the most?**

Read This: *Matthew 22:37 - 40*

Ask This:

- **Why do you think Jesus called loving God the "greatest and most important commandment"?**
- **Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. When have you felt closest to God?**

Read This: *Deuteronomy 6:5-8*

Ask This:

- **Why do you think God commands us to intentionally keep His Word before us throughout our everyday lives?**
- **The sermon said, "Loving God is the center of our identity and the fuel behind our ministry." Why is it easier to become busy doing things for God than simply spending time with Him?**
- **Who has had the greatest influence on your love for God? How can you intentionally help someone else grow in their relationship with Him?**

Read This: *John 14:15 & 1 John 5:3*

- **Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commands." How does obedience become an expression of love rather than simply following rules?**

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- The sermon highlighted practices like prayer, Scripture, worship, confession, and Sabbath. Which spiritual discipline has most helped you grow in your relationship with God? Which one has been the hardest to practice consistently?

Optional Closing Prayer Prompt

Spend a few moments asking God to deepen your love for Him. Pray that your worship, prayer, Bible reading, and obedience would become a response to His love rather than simply another responsibility.