**Q42. What are the greatest commandments?**

**First, to love God. And second, to love our neighbor.**

**Q43. How should we love God?**

**We love God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. We do this by trusting in Jesus, enjoying Him, treasuring Him, growing in our knowledge of Him, believing His words, obeying His commands, and showing and telling the world how great He is.**

1. Tonight we looked at why the command to love God is the greatest commandment. Take some time to discuss and share anything new you may have learned in tonight’s lesson.
2. Based on what we saw in scripture tonight, it is a sin not to love God with all of our being. How do you feel like you are doing at this?
3. What are the areas in your life that are most likely to steal your affections for God?
4. If someone who didn’t know you well was to observe you through the normal course of your week, what do you think they would say is most precious to you? Why?
5. Are there any commands that you are keeping externally but not really investing your heart? If so, how can you change your thinking in order to be more obedient from the heart?
6. We saw tonight that faith is directly connected to our love for God. How does God’s Word work to fuel our faith?
7. Studying God’s Word is a way of loving Him with our minds. How has your love for God grown since you’ve been coming to midweek study? Be specific.
8. All throughout history there have been those who claim that the grace of God means we no longer need to worry about keeping the commands of God because we have been and will be forgiven. Has this way of thinking now or ever been something that has caused you to think lightly of:

Your sin?

Others’ sin?

1. All of God’s commands are given in love and must be obeyed with love. Have you ever or do you now feel that some of God’s commands don’t seem good and loving? If so, what should you do to correct this thinking?
2. It was pointed out that we glorify God by loving Him, that loving God and glorifying God are inseparably interconnected. Why is this such a wonderful thing for us as believers?

*Final Application and Takeaways:*

1. Think about some specific things you can do differently this week to practice stirring up your affection for God at times you are normally not thinking about Him.