



THE PLUG

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November focus: On Repeat

Jesus shows us that love is worth repeating.

PLUG VERSE OF THE WEEK: [John 3:16] For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

[Bible verses: Mark 12:28-34, Colossians 3:12-14, John 3:16]

Ice Breaker Game:

DISCUSSION:

- **What's your favorite hype song? What's your favorite love song?**
- **Is there a real-life or fictional person you think of when you hear the word "love"? What about them makes you associate love with them?**

This week, we'll hear a story about a man who wanted to know which rules to listen to and follow first. In his response focused on love, Jesus shows us love is worth repeating.

Mark 12:28–30

In Jesus' time, the religious culture was centered around how people lived and followed the Old Testament's first five books. They called it the Torah, which is referred to as "the Law" in the New Testament. They loved God so much that they wanted to be sure they were repeating the ways of living that God cared about the most.

So, religious teachers constantly discussed what they thought were the most critical parts of the Law. As Jesus taught, a religious scholar asked him what he thought was the most important commandment.

When Jesus answered, he talked about something we can all do—*love*. Jesus' words here weren't some new truth for the people. They were rooted in the history and tradition of what God's people had known about for years.

When Jesus talks about loving God, he's quoting a well-known passage to God's people found in Deuteronomy 4:6. In this famous prayer, God's people are invited to love God with their entire being, to not just listen to what God says but to follow through and do the things God asks. Following God was not just a thing to do once a week. It's a way of living and being, not a list to check off. You do it every day, with every part of you.

Love means seeking people's well-being without expecting anything in return, especially those in difficult situations who can't repay you even if they want to. Jesus is showing us here that this kind of generous love amplifies the very heartbeat of God.

Connecting Questions:

- **Can you think of anyone whose ability to love others inspired you to love God more? What did they do that led to that response in you?**

General life Questions:

Prayer Request

Tithes

Altar Call: Looking to be baptized or rededicate life to God.

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