



Love Story, Part 4  
“Ladder of Love, Part Two”  
March 7-8, 2020

**Opening Questions** (what is God doing in your life?)

- How are you seeing God at work in you and around you? (Good focus for prayers of praise and thanksgiving)
- What is a challenge you're facing? How can our group help? (Guides your group members into caring community)
- What Bible verse or passage has the Lord been using to speak to you this past week? (Points group members to regular devotional time)
- How might the Lord be using your circumstances and relationships to grow your faith? (Invites the Lord to use our entire lives for His purposes)

**Discovery Questions** (hear *and* put into practice, Matthew 7:24)

- Pastor Dave focused this sermon on the first part of the Great Commandment, loving God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength ([Mark 12:30](#)). He connected love with obedience in the first point of the message: “I love God when obeying Him is the primary passion of my life.”
- Read [John 14:15-24](#).
- “If you love me, you will obey what I command” (v. 15). “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me” (v. 21). “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching” (v. 23). “He who does not love me will not obey my teaching” (v. 24).
- What strikes you about the connection between love and obedience?
- Can you obey the Lord without loving Him? What would that look like?
- Can you love the Lord without obeying Him? What would that look like?
- Of the four ways we are commanded to love God (heart/emotion/passion, soul/will/choices, mind/intellect/thoughts, and strength/energy/body), which one comes most naturally to you?
- Which one is the most challenging for you?
- What is your biggest takeaway from this discussion?
- Respond to the Lord in prayer (praise, thanksgiving, confession, commitment)
- **For next week:** Prepare to share (voluntarily) what the Lord is saying to you through Bible reading and circumstances. We want to support each other in our unique yet common journeys with the Lord!

**Note:** Ongoing Rhythms for Life Groups (Daily Devotion, Bible Study Tools, and 10-week calendar) can be found on the Life Groups website at <https://lifegroups.mycrosscity.com/resources/>.