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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE | WORLD HARVEST CHURCH

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### 1. SERMON RECAP

In this first message of the new year, I shared that God's word declares violent increase is available to every one of us in every area of life -- spiritually, physically, financially, and relationally. The foundation of all that increase, however, rests on one commandment Jesus called both first and greatest: loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. When we get this one thing right, everything else begins to fall into place.

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### 2. KEY SCRIPTURE

#### Matthew 22:37-38 (NKJV)

"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.'"

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### 3. ICE BREAKER

Think of someone in your life -- a parent, a coach, a mentor -- who made you feel genuinely loved without any conditions attached. What was one thing they did (not just said) that showed you that love was real?

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### 4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### 1. Getting into it:

I said in the sermon that we can easily slip into loving God's blessings more than loving God himself. Be honest -- what are some everyday signs that someone (maybe even us) might be doing that without realising it?

#### 2. Digging deeper:

Jesus uses four words -- heart, soul, mind, and strength -- to describe how completely we're called to love God. If you had to honestly score yourself on each one from 1 to 10 right now, which area feels strongest for you, and which one feels like it needs the most work? Why?

#### 3. Going further:

I talked about how your actions are a reflection of your love for God -- your giving, your service, your time in worship. Do you agree that love for God should show up in measurable, observable ways? What does that look like in a normal Tuesday, not just a Sunday morning?

#### **4. Getting personal:**

James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." Can you think of a season in your life when you genuinely drew closer to God? What did that feel like, and what changed in you during that time?

#### **5. Pushing further:**

I mentioned that God wants us to love Him with all our minds -- that means taking our thoughts captive and staying intentionally focused on Him. What are the biggest mental distractions in your daily life that pull your attention away from God, and how do you currently deal with them?

#### **6. Bringing it home:**

Peter was asked three times, "Do you love me?" -- and his whole life afterward was the answer. If Jesus asked you that question this week, what would your honest answer look like in the way you're actually living right now?

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### **5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE**

This week, choose one 15-minute window every day -- same time, same place -- and use it exclusively to express love to God. It could be worship music, a written prayer, reading a psalm out loud, or simply sitting quietly and telling God what you appreciate about Him. Keep it simple, keep it consistent, and at your next group meeting share what shifted -- even slightly -- in how you felt connected to God by the end of the week.

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### **6. PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for a fresh hunger: Ask God to ignite a deeper, more passionate love for Him in each group member's heart -- not just in church, but in the ordinary moments of daily life.
  - Pray for distracted minds: Bring before God the specific mental habits, busyness, and worries that compete for your attention, and ask the Holy Spirit to help each person develop a mind that naturally returns to Him.
  - Pray for increase: Agree together in faith over the promise of Psalm 115:13-14 -- that God will bless and increase every person in this group, and their families, more and more throughout this year.
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### **7. MEMORY VERSE**

#### **Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)**

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

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Leader's Note: Don't rush through the discussion questions -- it's okay to linger on just two or three if the conversation is going deep. The goal isn't covering all the ground; it's genuine life change. You've got this!