

Week 8 | Love and Obedience

Big Idea: The more we understand the depth of our sin and the magnitude of God's love, the more our hearts, souls and minds respond with love, gratitude, and obedience.

Foundational Passage: John 14:15 - If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Three Foundational Truths

1. God's immeasurable love for us is humanly inconceivable.
2. Our response is to Love God and obey His commands.
3. Our obedience is a lifelong journey of repentance, grace, and sanctification through the Holy Spirit.

I. God's immeasurable love for us is humanly inconceivable

1. First, we must own the depth of our sin.
2. We recognize that God loves us at our worst.

II. Our response is to Love God and obey His commands

1. Love is our response - 1 John 4:19.
2. Jesus connects Love and Obedience – John 14:15-24.
3. Love for God is expressed through our obedience.

III. Our obedience is a lifelong journey of repentance, grace, and sanctification through the Holy Spirit.

1. What hinders our obedience?
2. Love and obedience are not the same as perfection.
3. We grow through the Holy Spirit and personal time with God.



Commandments	Scripture
Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind.	Matthew 22:37–38
Love your neighbor as yourself.	Matthew 22:39
Love one another as Jesus has loved us.	John 13:34–35
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.	Matthew 5:44
Repent and turn away from sin.	Matthew 4:17
Believe in Jesus and trust in Him.	John 14:1
Follow Jesus and deny yourself.	Luke 9:23
Seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness.	Matthew 6:33
Forgive others when they sin against you.	Matthew 6:14–15; Mark 11:25
Do not judge hypocritically; examine your own sin first.	Matthew 7:1–5
Serve others rather than seeking greatness.	Matthew 20:26–28
Be humble and become like a child.	Matthew 18:3–4
Pray sincerely, not to impress others.	Matthew 6:5–13
Give generously and care for those in need.	Matthew 6:1–4; Luke 12:33
Do not worry but trust your heavenly Father.	Matthew 6:25–34
Do not store up treasures on earth; pursue heavenly treasure.	Matthew 6:19–21
Treat others as you would want to be treated.	Matthew 7:12
Remain in Jesus and bear spiritual fruit.	John 15:4–5
Make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them.	Matthew 28:19–20
Remember Jesus through the Lord's Supper.	Luke 22:19

Discussion questions

1. Why do you think we tend to underestimate our own sinfulness? How does that affect our appreciation of God's grace?
2. When you think about God, do you primarily see someone who loves you deeply or someone who is disappointed in your failures? Why?
3. What's the difference between obeying God out of guilt or obligation and obeying Him out of love?
4. What is one area of your life where you know what God commands, but you continue to resist obeying Him? What does that reveal about your heart?
5. How would your daily decisions change if you genuinely understood the depth of God's love for you?