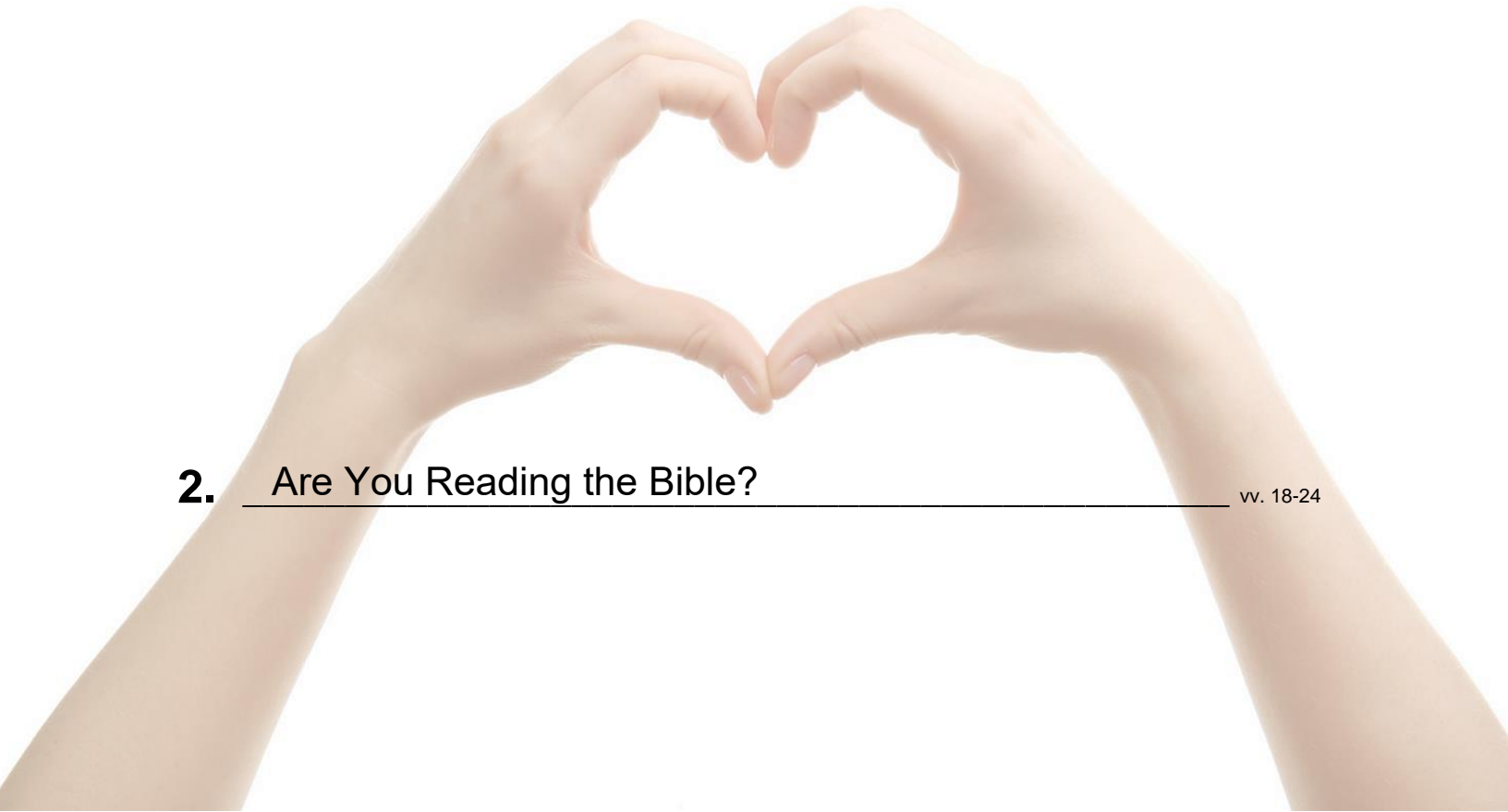


# I Love God!

“ How To Know If You Really Mean It ”

**1.** Is Obedience Your Goal? w. 15-17

**2.** Are You Reading the Bible? w. 18-24



# Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

## HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit [pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

### Point #1

- Read John 14:15-17. In what way did Jesus redefine a Jewish perspective on obedience? (i.e., earning vs. loving)
- How can an imbalanced view of God's grace prevent Christians from loving Jesus? How does Point #1 relate?
- How does this adjust you? What steps will you take to apply Point #1? (spiritually, relationally, financially, etc.)

### Point #2

- Read John 14:18-24. In what way is verse 21 different than verses 15 or 23? What is implied by "has"?
- Why is this important to loving God? How does Point #2 relate? How would you rate your current bible study plan?
- What does this reveal about your love for Jesus? How will you take practical steps this week to change?

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## Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at [pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read John 14:15, Matthew 22:37, 28:20, Exodus 20:1-17, Ephesians 2:8-9**

- What is the Old Testament perspective when it comes to keeping God's commandments? (c.f. Ex. 20:1ff)
- In what way did Jesus change the perspective for His disciples? (i.e., earning vs. loving)
- How can an imbalanced focus on God's grace impact one's ability to love Jesus? How does this adjust you?

### **TUESDAY // Read John 14:15, Matthew 5:21-7:23**

- When you read Mt. 5:21ff, what do you notice about Jesus' approach to obedience? Be specific.
- Given that loving Jesus is obeying His commands, how does the Sermon on the Mount help you better love Him?
- Based on today's reading, list 3 areas where God is prompting you to obey. What practical steps will you take?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read John 14:15-17, Romans 7:18, 1 Cor. 12:11, Eph. 1:13-14, 5:8-10, 2 Cor. 5:17**

- What promise did Jesus give the disciples when it comes to loving Him? Why would this be necessary?
- What does this highlight about Christian and non-Christian obedience? What does this also imply about legalism?
- When you think of obeying God, how does this truth encourage you? How will you love God today?

### **THURSDAY // Read John 14:18-20, 20:24-29, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, Matthew 5:16**

- Even though Jesus was leaving, what did He promise about His return? Why? How did this take place?
- Why do you think it was especially important for the disciples to see the resurrected Jesus? Be specific.
- How does this happen today? In what way should this deepen our love for the Lord? Give an example.

### **FRIDAY // Read John 14:21, Colossians 3:16-17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

- What is unique about John 14:21 compared with verses 15 or 23? What does "has" imply about obedience?
- Why is this a critical issue when it comes to loving God? How does having a regular bible study apply?
- Take a few moments and list 10 things Jesus commands? How is the Lord speaking to you about your bible study?

### **SATURDAY // Read John 14:23-24**

- Given that loving Jesus is obeying His commands, what does this also imply about not obeying Jesus?
- In what way do you think this approach to loving God has been lost in Evangelical Christianity today? Why?
- How has this week's study adjusted your perspective on loving the Lord? What adjustments will you make?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. John 14:21