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LEARNING TO LOVE, SERVE AND BE LIKE JESUS

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# STUDY GUIDE

## SEASON 1, EPISODE 14: LOVE GOD

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Welcome to the study guide for The Apprenticeship TV show on Hope Channel Canada!

This study guide is designed for use in a small group setting. Not sure what group you can use this with? Well, you can start with your family! You can invite another family or two to join you. Or you can create a small group of your own.

Not currently part of a small group, and not ready yet to create one? No problem. You can still work through the study guide for your own personal reflection and development!

Now, let's get started!

# *Getting Started*

This "Getting Started" section is designed to create a warm and inviting atmosphere for your small group discussions. Let's dive into three engaging activities that will help break the ice and prepare your hearts and minds for meaningful conversation.

Remember, these are just suggestions – feel free to adapt them to suit your group's unique dynamics and needs.

These activities are designed to foster fellowship, encourage openness, and prepare participants for deeper discussions about how God works through phases in our journey to develop us. By engaging in these exercises, group members will begin to reflect on their own experiences and build connections with one another, creating a strong foundation for the study sessions to come.

### PERSONAL PASSION PICTIONARY

**Instructions:** Divide into pairs. Each person takes turns drawing a simple picture representing something they're passionate about, while their partner tries to guess what it is. After guessing, discuss why that passion is important to you. This activity helps participants get to know each other better by sharing personal interests in a fun, visual way.

### MIND MAP OF LOVE

**Instructions:** On a large piece of paper, create a collaborative mind map centered on the word "Love." Participants take turns adding branches with different ways to express love towards God. Encourage creative thinking and discussion about how these expressions of love might look in daily life. This activity relates to the main topic by exploring various aspects of love.

**Apprentice's Creed:** "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love others as well as you love yourself." (Mark 12:30-31 CEB/MSG)

### STRENGTH IN UNITY

**Instructions:** Form a circle and join hands. The goal is to keep a balloon in the air using only your feet and legs, working together as a group. After a few attempts, discuss how this activity relates to loving God and others with all your strength. Consider how combining individual strengths can create a more powerful impact in showing love to God and community. This activity is inspired by the Apprentice's creed, focusing on loving God with all your strength while also emphasizing the importance of unity in love.

# *In His Footsteps*

This portion of the study guide is based on the "In His Footsteps" segment of Love God, season 1, episode 14, of The Apprenticeship.

You can watch the segment as a group or individually!

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### SUMMARY

- Jesus set an example of holistic growth in various aspects of life
- The plant illustration represents different areas of personal growth:
  - Wisdom: Nourishing the mind with knowledge and understanding
  - Spiritual Growth: Maintaining a close relationship with God
  - Physical Growth: Taking care of the body through proper nutrition, exercise, and rest
  - Social Growth: Cultivating positive relationships and trimming negative influences

**Keep in Mind:** Jesus set the pattern for holistic growth.

## PERSONAL REFLECTION TIME

Take some time to prayerfully read the Bible passage for this segment. It may be a familiar passage, but slow down! Try to read it as though it is new to you.

**Bible Reading for the Week:** Luke 2:51-52

**Memory Verse for the Week:** Luke 2:52

Challenge yourself to memorize the weekly memory verse!

Work through the following seven reflection questions. Be prepared to share at least one of your answers with your group!

1. What is happening in this passage?
2. What stuck out to me?
3. What can I learn about God and His Kingdom?
4. In what ways can I grasp the love and service of Jesus in this passage?
5. How should I love and serve according to Jesus' example?
6. What specific steps can I take to apply these lessons in my life?
7. How can I share these lessons with others today?

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

You can work through the following questions on your own and share your thoughts with your group. Or your group can work through the questions together. Whichever suits your group's dynamic and needs!

### ACTIVITY 1:
**THE REARVIEW RENDEZVOUS**

1. How did Jesus demonstrate obedience and honor in His various roles as a son, brother, neighbour, and citizen?

2. Reflect on your own life. In which area of holistic growth (wisdom, spiritual, physical, or social) do you feel you need the most improvement, and why?

### ACTIVITY 2:
**THE HORIZON HUNTERS**

1. Read Luke 2:52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." How does this verse relate to the plant illustration presented in the segment?

2. Explore Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." How can this passage guide our approach to holistic growth?

### ACTIVITY 3:
**ENGAGE-IN-ACTION**

1. Create a personal growth plan focusing on one area (wisdom, spiritual, physical, or social). List two specific actions you can take this week to nurture growth in that area.

2. Share your growth plan with a friend or family member. How can you support each other in your journey of holistic development?

# *In His Workshop*

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**SUMMARY**

- The segment discusses living in God's image through loving God, based on the Shema prayer from Deuteronomy
- The most important commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength
- "Shema" means both to listen and respond
- God's sovereignty begins with love
- Loving God involves knowing Him and responding to His love
- The Hebrew concepts of heart (lev), soul (nephesh), and strength (me'od) are explored

**Keep in Mind:** We cannot WILL our way to love. We LEARN our way to love. As we learn about Him, we will love Him.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

You can work through the following questions on your own and share your thoughts with your group. Or your group can work through the questions together. Whichever suits your group's dynamic and needs!

### ACTIVITY 1:
**THE REARVIEW RENDEZVOUS**

1. How does the Hebrew concept of "shema" differ from simply listening? Reflect on a time when you truly "shema" to God's word.
2. The segment discusses loving God with all your heart, soul, and strength. Which aspect challenges you the most and why?

### ACTIVITY 2:
**THE HORIZON HUNTERS**

1. Research the Shema prayer in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. How does Jesus expand on this in Mark 12:29-31? What does this addition reveal about living in God's image?
2. The segment mentions that God IS love. Explore 1 John 4:7-21. How does this passage deepen your understanding of God's love and our response to it?

### ACTIVITY 3:
**ENGAGE-IN-ACTION**

1. Create a personal "love inventory" for the next week. Each day, note one way you expressed love to God through your thoughts, actions, or decisions.
2. Choose one area of your life (e.g., work, relationships, hobbies) and brainstorm how you can love God with more "excellence" (me'od) in that area. Implement one idea this week.

# *The Rescue Worker*

This portion of the study guide is based on the "Rescue Worker" segment of Love God, season 1, episode 14, of The Apprenticeship.

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**SUMMARY**

- Kimberly's story of resilience despite trauma and challenges
- The importance of ongoing support and intervention in overcoming difficulties
- Parallels between Kimberly's journey and our spiritual growth with Jesus
- The process of sanctification: instant, ongoing, and final
- The role of Jesus in our transformation and spiritual well-being

**Keep in Mind:** Sanctification is the good news that we are instantly assured of acceptance, adoption, and commission for a holy purpose.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

You can work through the following questions on your own and share your thoughts with your group. Or your group can work through the questions together. Whichever suits your group's dynamic and needs!

### ACTIVITY 1:
**THE REARVIEW RENDEZVOUS**

1. Reflect on Kimberly's story. How does her journey of overcoming challenges relate to your own spiritual growth?

2. Describe the three aspects of sanctification (instant, ongoing, and final) in your own words. How do these concepts impact your understanding of your relationship with Jesus?

### ACTIVITY 2:
**THE HORIZON HUNTERS**

1. Read Romans 12:2: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." How does this verse relate to the concept of ongoing sanctification?

2. Explore the idea of "dying to self" mentioned in the content. How does this concept align with Jesus' teachings in Luke 9:23-24?

### ACTIVITY 3:
**ENGAGE-IN-ACTION**

1. Identify one area in your life where you need ongoing support and intervention from Jesus. What steps can you take to actively engage in the process of sanctification in this area?

2. How can you share the "good news" of sanctification with someone in your life who may be struggling? Develop a brief explanation that you could use in a conversation.

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