



Blind Date My Church

Part 1 – We Love God Passionately

Study Guide

When we go to a new place, like a restaurant to meet a blind date, to a new Life Group, or to a new church, it's awkward, scary and intimidating, and we certainly have an exit strategy ready. We search for common ground, common values, a connection, and a place to belong, laugh, and be real. At The Cove Church, our Core Value "We love God passionately" is the foundation on which the other values are built. When asked by a lawyer, "What is the greatest commandment?," Jesus responded clearly.

"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" - Matthew 22:37 (ESV)

1. What kind of experiences have you had on a blind date, or in a first meeting with someone? What did you hope to learn or accomplish in that meeting?

2. **Read Deuteronomy 6:5, 10:12, 11:13, 13:3, 30:6 & Joshua 22:5, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30 and Luke 10:27.** When a message is repeated in the Old Testament and the New Testament—we can't miss it. What is the message and why do you think it is repeated to God's people, including us?

"We love because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19 (ESV)

3. **Read 2 Samuel 6:14-22.** Talk about David's passion as seen here. What things do you do when you love passionately with your heart, soul, mind and strength?

“For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.” - Psalm 62:1-2 (ESV)

4. **Read 1 John 5:3.** How can we love God with continued passion, or re-ignite lost passion?

5. As we continue this series “Blind Date My Church,” who can you invite to join you for a weekly service?