

Jesus taught His disciples and others many ideals while He lived among them. One of those was how to love both God and our neighbor with all that we are. From Luke 10:25–28, we read:

"On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'What is written in the law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?' He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.' 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.'"

What seems like a lofty goal can actually become a reality with the help of Jesus. Join the Discover the Word team as we dive into this idea.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?
 Why do you think Jesus mentioned these four parts of a human being?
- What does it mean to have a "divided heart"?
- Someone once defined the soul as the truest part of a person. How would you define "soul"? How do you love God with your soul?
- Where does true strength come from? How can we use our strength to serve God and others?
- Isaiah 26:3 reads, "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." What stands out to you in that verse? What might it look like to love God with our minds?





CHALLENGE

Take a piece of paper and draw four large circles that overlap in the middle. In the center of the overlapping circles write the words, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind." In each of the four circles, write the four parts of a human being: heart, soul, mind, and strength. In each circle, write down the things that get in the way of loving God related to the part of a human being represented by that circle. For example, in the heart circle, write down the things in your life that compete for your affections. Pray and ask God, the Holy Spirit, to help you with each thing you write down.



"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and 'love your neighbor as yourself'" (Luke 10:27).



God, help me love You with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Lead me away from the temptations that glitter and distract me away from You, and lead me to full life in You. Amen.