



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“G.O.O. | Loving God, Others, & Ourselves”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. **Loving God completely** — heart, soul, mind, and strength.
2. **Loving others compassionately** — the overflow of God’s love.
3. **Loving ourselves correctly** — seeing ourselves as God sees us.

Key Verse:

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

— Mark 12:30–31

Discussion Questions:

Loving God Completely

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.” — Mark 12:30

Pastor Neil said, *“When love gets out of order, life falls out of alignment.”*

Question: What does it look like to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength in your current season of life?

Further Reading: Ephesians 5:1–2, Romans 12:1–2

Application: What’s one area of your life (affections, attention, or activity) that could be better aligned to loving God completely this week?

Loving Others Compassionately

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” — Mark 12:31

Pastor Neil emphasized that *“Loved people love people”* and that love means *“choosing the towel over the title.”*

Question: What does it mean for you personally to “pick up the towel” in your relationships this week?

Further Reading: John 13:34–35; Romans 12:9–10

Application: Who in your life could you serve, forgive, or honor as a reflection of Christ’s love?

Loving Ourselves Correctly

Pastor Neil said, “*Loving ourselves correctly means seeing ourselves as God sees us.*”

Question: How can understanding your identity in Christ help you love others more freely?

Further Reading: Romans 12:3; Ephesians 2:10

Application: Take time this week to remind yourself what Scripture says about your worth and identity in Christ. How might that truth change the way you view yourself or treat others?

When Love Gets Out of Order

Pastor Neil taught that when we elevate good things (like success, relationships, or hobbies) to God things, they lose their intended good.

Question: What are some good things in your life that might compete with your love for God?

Further Reading: Matthew 6:19–24; 1 John 2:15–17

Application: How can you reorder your loves this week to keep God first?

The Overflow of God’s Love

He shared that “*God’s love is initiating, intimate, and inseparable,*” and that “*You’re not God’s project; you’re His kid.*”

Question: How have you experienced God’s love initiating or pursuing you?

Further Reading: Romans 8:38–39; Jeremiah 31:3

Application: In what ways can you reflect God’s initiating love toward someone who feels distant or undeserving?

Living the “G.O.O.” Life

Pastor Neil closed by challenging the church to “*Love God completely, love others compassionately, and love ourselves correctly*”—through things like time, thankfulness, tenderness, and transparency.

Question: Which of these “T’s” stands out most to you as an area to grow in this week?

Further Reading: Colossians 3:12–17

Application: Choose one of the “10 T’s” (Time, Treasure, Training, Tools, Thoughtfulness, Toughness, Tenderness, Thankfulness, Transparency, or Being There) and put it into action before your group meets again.

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.