

## The Heart Of The Matter: #2 LOVE

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### Introduction:

**Danger #1:** Focus on good things, missing your first love (out of extreme balance). Everything must flow out of relationship with Jesus.

**Danger #2:** Focus on externals without a heart relationship with Jesus. Love without God can lead to LIBERALISM...that is not love that will honor God.

Driving Passion For Cloverdale Baptist Church In Our Longing To Bring Glory To God: LOVE WITHOUT LIBERALISM  
*Luke 10:25-37*

*Love @ Cloverdale must be...*

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### Implications:

↪ **Realize How Important Love Is.**

↪ **Notice Others & Love Them.**

↪ **Let Love Flourish In An Environment Of Health.**

Memory Verse: John 13:34-35

**Question:** When have you most felt loved? What is the greatest action of love you have taken?

**Call To Worship:** Psalm 95

**Why is it important that we clearly set out who God wants us to be as a church? What would the dangers of not doing this be?**

Read the following Scriptures and interact with them:

- Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 Peter 1:22; 4:8; John 13:34-35; Romans 13:8; 1 John 3:11; 1 John 4:7-11; **Mark 12:28-31.**

Discuss the importance that God's Word puts on love, and what this love looks like:

Read together **Luke 10:25-37**

Discuss the three words that Pastor Rob used to describe the love that God wants us to have from the parable...Compassionate, Caring and Commitment:

What do they mean?

If you were put on trial for being a loving person, what would the evidence be to convict you? Would there be enough evidence? How about our Church?

Why is it so important to understand God's love if we want to love other people? Ephesians 3:14-21; 1 John 4:7-11

Who are some people you can seek to love in the upcoming weeks and months? Try to be specific in your answer in terms of application.

What are some steps you can take as a group (and individuals) to help our Sunday mornings be more and more known for LOVE?

What could the danger be of having love that is not in extreme balance? How can we be sure at Cloverdale we never slip into liberalism while being lavishly loving!

Discuss how we can make sure that love at CBC is always flourishing in an environment that is godly and God-like (Ephesians 5:1-2)?

## Extreme Balance: DNA For A Healthy Church

