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TABLE TALK

Loving Families

Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (based on 1 John 4:7-11)

C: Beloved, let us love one another

R: for love is from God

C: whoever loves has been born of God

R: and knows God.

C: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Read: Read Matthew 22:34-36 (ESV)

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 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. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Reflect:

As families we often struggle with how to faithfully fulfill God's law in our daily lives. In this text, Jesus reveals the answer to the Pharisees. Christian life is a life of love. Our love for God and for our neighbor is fueled by our Father's love for us in Christ. We love because God first loved us.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Matthew 22:34-36) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Pray:

The head of the household prays:

Dear Father, we pray that you would continually remind us of your love for us in Christ Jesus. Inspire us by your love to live lives of love toward those around us. Help us in our struggle to overcome those things that would prevent us from loving you with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. In Jesus's name. Amen.