East Side Baptist Church

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1 John 4:1

## This Is the Life

>	Jesus is worthy of
	• John 1:1-3, 14-18; Colossians 1:15-20; 1 John 4:10, 19
>	Jesus is worthy to be loved with
	• Deuteronomy 6:4-6; Matthew 10:37
>	Jesus is worthy to be loved with
	• John 14:15; 1 John 3:17-18; 4:20
>	Jesus is worthy to be loved
	• Matthew 10:34-39; 16-22; Matthew 10:16-22; Revelation 2:10; 12:11

## Make It Real

Because of what Jesus has done for me and what I have heard today,

- I will turn from my sin and trust Jesus for forgive me, make me acceptable to the Father, and give me new life.
- I will discipline myself to know and love God more and more throughout
  2019 by

- 1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
- 2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
- 3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
- 4. What is a question you have?
- 5. What can you share with someone? Who can you share it with?

## Discussion questions from the message.

- 1. The sermon on Sunday was about loving God. (1) What is love? What are some definitions or words that explain it. (2) What does love look like? (3) How do you know if someone truly loves you?
- 2. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5. (1) Why should we love God? Why is He worthy of our love? (2) Why do **you** love Him? What makes him worthy of **your** love?
- 3. What competes with our love for God? Why can it seem so easy to love these things and so hard to love God?
- 4. We are to love God with all our affections (heart, soul, mind, strength). Affections are longings, desires. (1) Read Matthew 13:44-46 and discuss what impact treasuring Christ should have on our lives. (2) What does it look like in our every day lives if we truly love Christ with all our affections?
- 5. We often use the phrase, "I do what I do because I want what I want and I want what I want because I love what I love." How would remembering this help us make choices that please God rather than ourselves?
- 6. We are to love God without compromise. Why do we make choices that we know don't please God? What desires are behind these choices? What can we do to be more uncompromising in our walk with the Lord?