

## LG Questions - Undivided Affection

1. The message this week opened up with the a reminder from last week about the things in our lives that we need to lay down. Scott then asked the question, “Why don’t we want to give those things up?” Do you agree with the conclusion that one of the primary reasons we struggle to lay those things aside is because they have a piece of our heart’s affection? Why or why not?
2. Read Matthew 22:37. Jesus tells us in this verse that the greatest commandment is to love God with all of our heart, all of our soul, and all of our mind. What are some of your thoughts as you read that verse? How do you believe the church is doing in this area? How are you doing in this area?
3. Matthew 6:24 tells us that we cannot serve two masters. We will either love the one and hate the other, or we will be devoted to one and despise the other. Have you ever found yourself trying to balance your affection between God and the world at the same time? In what ways did that choice impact your relationship with the Lord?
4. Read the quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “It is much more likely that you do not intend what you do; you just intend to serve both masters. You intend to love God and goods, so you will always view it as an untruth that you hate God. You love God, you think. But by loving God and also the goods of the world, our love for God is actually hate; our eye no longer views things simply, and our heart is no longer in communion with Jesus. Whether it is you intention or not, it cannot be otherwise. You cannot serve two masters, you who are following Jesus.” What are your thoughts on this quote? Are there any specific parts that stand out to you? Is there anything that you don’t agree with?
5. Scott made the statement that our hearts cannot be turned toward God and the world at the same time. How do we balance this idea of God having all of our affection with the need to love and serve our spouses, children, friends, neighbors, co-workers, church family, etc? In what ways can we help and encourage one another?
6. One of the two closing thoughts was that we need to identify those things that have caused our affections to become fractured. Has the Holy Spirit revealed anything to you in that area? Would you be willing to share what it is? The second closing thought was that we must see the all surpassing value of Christ. How would you describe the clarity with which you see the beauty and worth of Christ? What keeps us from seeing Him more clearly?
7. God, our Father, is passionately in love with each of us. His desire for our hearts is based out of His love for us. He doesn’t want us to miss a single blessing. Do you ever struggle to believe that truth? (Pray for each other in that area)

