

notes from small group

prayer requests

# SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on Sunday, January 21, 2018

## group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How Does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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."

Matthew 22:37 *ESV*

this month's memory verse

## personal study questions

Stirring Up Love Through Shepherding  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

1. What responsibilities do godly spiritual leaders carry in a church family? Why is this role so significant in a church family?
2. What traits does God say mark the lives and ministries of godly spiritual leaders in a church family? What are some traits that God calls spiritual leaders to avoid?
3. List some other passages of scripture that give instructions to spiritual shepherds in the church. What do these passages add to this topic of spiritual leadership in the church?
3. What practical expectations does God place upon spiritual leaders? What expectations might people have upon spiritual leaders that God does not have?
4. What kinds of suffering might a spiritual leader in a church in America expect to receive? How can a spiritual leader suffer and yet “stay in the game” without quitting?
5. Why are many spiritually mature men reluctant to engage in the role of spiritual shepherding in a church? What can be done to encourage them?
6. What happens to a church when spiritually mature men refuse to engage in spiritual leadership?
7. What specifically is the “work” and “toil” of a spiritual shepherd in the modern church? What do you think this labor should look like on month to month basis in the church? Make as thorough of a list as possible.