How Much Do You Love Jesus?

➤ Intro:
- **introspective lesson** you can blow off, or not think about - use to evaluate yourself and recommit self to Jesus

➤ **introspective questions**: think about during lesson, answer at the end of the lesson
- I love Jesus so much, I would ____________!
- If I had to __________________________, I would, because I love Jesus!
- I love Jesus, but what can I do to love Him more?

➤ think about what you confess in these songs:
- song #414, *Oh How I Love Jesus* - review
- song #110, *My Jesus I Love Thee* - review

**this lesson**: think about how much you love Jesus, how much more you could love Him, commit to loving Him more

Do you love Jesus enough to serve Him?
- Col. 3:23-24 we serve Jesus
- illus.: Lk. 7:36-39, 44-48 serve Jesus because love much – anything she wouldn’t do – us today
- illus.: Simon of Cyrene compelled to bear Jesus’ cross, describe scene - anything not do for Jesus?
- Do you love Jesus enough to serve Him? – weepingly wash feet? – anything not do for Jesus?

Do you love Jesus enough to obey Him?
- It’s one thing to say “I love Jesus”, but it’s another to show you love Jesus by obeying Him.
- talk is cheep
- Jn. 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:9-10, 13-14 to love Jesus is to obey Him (*agape*)
- no greater love than die for friends: Jesus died for us / we die for Jesus by obeying
- What do you tell Jesus when you obey Him – disobey Him?
- How do you tell Jesus you love Him – obey or disobey?
- illus: How does a wife show she loves her husband?
  - wife subject to her husband in the Lord (Eph. 5:22)
  - What does a rebellious wife tell her husband by her actions? – even if says she loves him

Do you love Jesus more than family – friends? - strongest human feelings (love)
- Lk. 14:26-27, 33 love Jesus more than family – Jesus above family – Jesus sets “boundaries”
- young people: love Jesus more than friends
- Matt. 10:32-33, 34, 35-39 confess Jesus, sword, love Jesus more
- Matt. 12:46-50 Jesus is our family, comes first – do will Father
  - marriage: if Jesus your family, you will have best earthly family possible
  - If you had to choose between Jesus or family (friends), who would you choose?
  - spouse, parents, children, grandparents, friends

Do you love Jesus more than yourself – money?
- Eph. 5:2; Phil. 2:5-8 Jesus loved us more than Himself (rf. Rom. 15:2-3)
- Lk. 9:23-26 we love Jesus more than self - take up cross daily
- Gal. 2:20 live for Jesus, not for self - love Jesus more
- illus: #340, *I Gave My Life For Thee* - review - inv. song at end
- Matt. 6:24 can’t serve two masters: Jesus or money, Jesus or self, Jesus or Satan - Whom do you serve?
Do you love Jesus more than sin?
- 2 Tim. 3:4; 2 Th. 2:12 **two types people:** love God / love pleasure and wickedness
- Heb. 11:24-26 **like Moses,** we chose to be with God’s people than enjoy sin
- **illus.:** Matt. 13:44-46 **parables, treasure and pearl** – give all to be Christ’s disciple
- Do you love Jesus more than pleasure and sin? Will you give everything to serve Him?

Do you love Jesus enough to walk in His footsteps?
- 1 Pet. 2:21 Christ suffered for you, example, follow in His steps
  - song #239, *Footprints of Jesus* - review
  - Are you willing to walk to Jesus’ footprints? - relate to song - result of journey

Summary / Inv.
- **review PP** - relate to walking in footprints of Jesus
- **introspective questions:** think about during lesson, answer at the end of the lesson
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inv.
- song # 340, *I Gave My Life For Thee* - rf. point above
- **Do you love Jesus as much as He loves you?** – He gave His life for you, what are you giving to Him?