Week 1: Love God/Jesus

Thought
God is most glorified when we make Him our greatest joy – passionately pursuing Him daily through prayer, song and scripture. Praising God is the highest calling of humanity and is our eternal vocation. When we seek our joy in Christ, we find that He can satisfy us in a way that nothing else in the world can match. And as we love Him and allow Him to love us, we become a mirror of His glory and can shine as a bright light throughout the dark world around us.

Scripture
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself.
Luke 10:27 (NIV)

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Discussion Questions
- Using a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest, how would you rate yourself on how much you express your love for God?
- In what ways each day and each week do you pursue God . . . show Him that He is first in your life? When do you most feel His presence?
- Discuss how God’s love for you changed the way you are able to love others?

Next Step
What is one practical step you can take this week to move one step?

Spend time this week enjoying God through song, prayer and scripture. Create an environment to experience God by finding a quiet place where you can sing and pray out loud.
**Closing Thoughts**
Ask the group members to pair up and exchange phone numbers so they can connect and pray before next week’s meeting.

What is the next step each group member should take to move closer to Christ (i.e. weekend service, water baptism, Growth Track or Dream Team)?

Encourage each member to read his Bible and pray with his children and spouse daily.

Close in prayer.