

### Scripture Focus

“He said to him, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39).

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15).

### Monthly Mission Focus

God has commanded us to love the entire world as He does. We show that love by sharing Christ actively with as many people as possible. This month we will look at how we can help win this world to Christ by becoming involved in one or more mission endeavors.

### Before the Meeting

[Download the video on Dick May](#), the featured missionary in week one’s mission focus article.

**Prepare** to show the video during the meeting. If a projector and screen are not available, have the men gather around a computer to watch it.

**Ask** your pastor about possible mission trips or mission projects your men’s group could take part in. You can also talk to the director of missions (DOM) of your local association for mission project ideas.

**Ask** one of the men from your church who has been on a mission trip to come and share for about 15 minutes with your group about the experience. If you don’t know anyone like that, you can use your DOM as a resource.

### During the Meeting

Welcome everyone to the meeting.

**Say:** “This month’s focus on love is very appropriate, because in February we celebrate Valentine’s Day. In the weeks leading up to the holiday, we see television commercials, read newspaper ads, and listen to radio spots reminding us to buy candy, cards, jewelry and other items to show our wives we love them.

“But if this is the only time in the whole year we talk to our wives, spend time with them, or pay attention to them, they’re not going to be very impressed with our gifts! After all, true love means we show our wives every day that we care about them.

“What’s true for our wives is especially true when it comes to our relationship with God. If we really love Him, we will know what God desires of us, and we will try with all our might to give it to Him. In this next passage of Scripture, Jesus is telling a questioner what God wants from us.”

**Read:** Matthew 22:37-39.

**Say:** “In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus defines our neighbor as anyone we see who is in need. Because of our ability through satellites to literally see around the world, the plight of an entire planet is now at our doorstep. What will we—and by we, I mean those of us here right—do about our neighbors? Jesus wants to know because He has another thing to tell us about love.”

**Read:** John 14:15.

**Say:** “We have no excuse. If we say we love Jesus, we will want to get involved in loving our world and obeying our Lord by finding a way to share Christ with others. By meeting people’s needs, we can let them know we care.”

**Say:** “Perhaps you remember the story of Dick May, a minister working in the Boston area. We studied about him in the first week of the month. Here is the rest of the story about his work in that area.”

**Show:** The video on Dick May that you downloaded in preparation for this lesson.

**Ask:** “What did you get from this video? Did it spark any ideas about places we (or each person individually) could begin a ministry?” Take time for discussions about possible affinity groups your men could reach.

**Say:** “We’ve seen what’s working in Boston. Now, however, let’s hear from someone locally who is involved in missions.” Introduce your speaker at this time.

After the speaker has finished, allow time for questions.

**Say:** “Our pastor (or Minister of Education, Director of Missions, etc.) has given me a list of possible missions opportunities. Some are right where we live. Others are farther away. Let’s take a few minutes to see which ones we can possibly plug into.”

You might want to write the group’s ideas, along with the list you’ve been given, on a board (don’t forget about possible mission trips to the Mission Centers of Houston; for more information, see week three of this month’s Mission Focus article). Find out which ones seem to draw the most interest. If possible, begin listing specific dates when your group would go on these trips.

**Say:** “Let’s be intentional in showing Jesus Christ how much we love Him. Let’s obey His command to help our neighbors discover the wonderful gift of salvation. Let’s get involved in helping as many people as possible give their lives to Christ.”

**Close:** Remind your group of the date and time of your next meeting. Close in prayer.

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