

# *The Navigators Kansas Communities Ministry Men's Retreat*

*April 26-27, 2019*

## *The Marks of a Committed Disciple*

### *Session 1: An Incomparable Love for Christ*

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. When we are honest with ourselves, what hinders us from loving Christ with an incomparable love? List at least 3 hindrances.**
  
- 2. Why does human resolve not lead us to loving Him with an incomparable love? What is the weakness of human resolve?**

- I. **The Pre-requisite:** Receiving His love
  - A. The highest expression of His love for us lies in the giving of His life for us that we might live in Him- I John 4:9
  - B. The only way we love Him in return is by first receiving His Son as our Savior because He satisfied God's righteous demands on our behalf- 4:10
  - C. The nature of His love for us is unconditional which means He loves us in spite of our worst sins or failures
- II. **The Focus:** Loving Him more than loving other people or things
  - A. Loving Him more than we love others- Matthew 10:37-39
  - B. Loving Him more than we love ourselves- Luke 14:26-27
  - C. Loving Him more than possessions, positions, and preferences- Matthew 19:21-22; Matthew 6:24
- III. **The Foundation:** Loving Him forms the foundation of obedience and service
  - A. Our highest calling rests in loving God with all that is in us- Matthew 22:34-38
  - B. As we love Him with all of our hearts, He directs our focus to loving others- Matthew 22:39-40
- IV. **The Overflow:** Our love for Him empowers us to embrace His purposes for us
  - A. Our love for Him will show in our obedience to Him- John 14:15, 24

- B. Our love for Him will show in joining Him in what He is doing in this world- John 21:15-17
- C. Our love for Him will show in how we relate to one another in love and grace- 1 John 4:7,11; John 13:34-35

Takeaways:

1. We can only love Christ by responding to His overwhelming love for us-1 John 4:7-11
2. We can only love Him and others as we live by faith, abiding in Him- John 15:4-5; Hebrews 11:6
3. The ability to love Him with an incomparable love involves being overwhelmed by His grace and love for us- Ephesians 2:4-10