

This week we will be looking at the first mark of being a Methodist
The First Mark: A Methodist Loves God

Monday May 1st

Read 1 John 4:19. What does this say about the love of God? What comes first? How might we respond to this love?

Tuesday May 2nd

Read Matthew 22:36-38 and Romans 8:35-39. What words or phrases catch your attention? Read these through a couple of times and write your reflections in a journal or however you record your thoughts.

Wednesday May 3rd

Read or sing through Charles Wesley's hymn, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*. The link to the hymn came via AgapeNet on Monday. How do these verses teach us about love?

Thursday May 4th

Read John Wesley's sermon "*The Marks of the New Birth*." The link came via AgapeNet on Monday. Write down your thoughts.

Friday May 5th

What have you learned about God this week while focusing on Love? Find a small act of service you can perform putting into practice what you have learned.

Saturday May 6th

In the early days of Methodism, John Wesley instructed each small group to answer certain questions aloud in the presence of others in the group, for the purpose of shared accountability and support. The following are two of the questions they asked of each other. Reflect on your answers and write them down. *Did the Bible live in me today? Is Christ real to me?*

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

Healing Strength: Gene Krebs (Eric's father), Rich Reasoner, Rex Townsend, Stan Ensch, Chris Osborn (Ken and Sandy Grubb's daughter), Janet Coons (Donna McCullough's daughter)

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OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS & REFLECTIONS