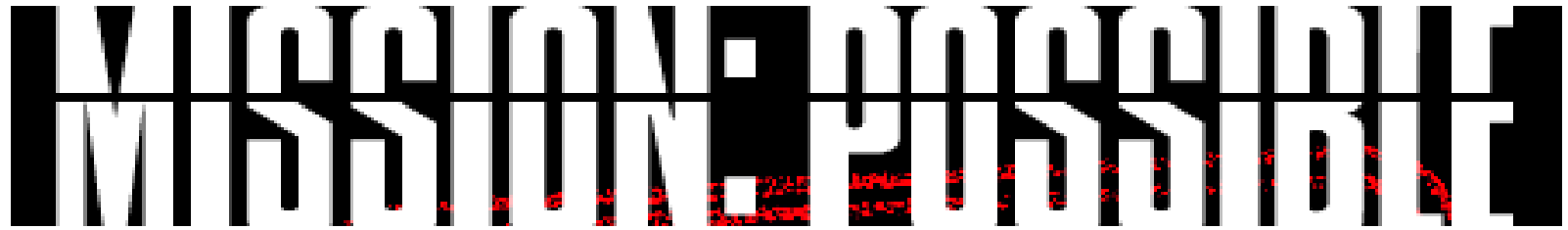


Loving God (Part 1)

Matthew 22:34-40

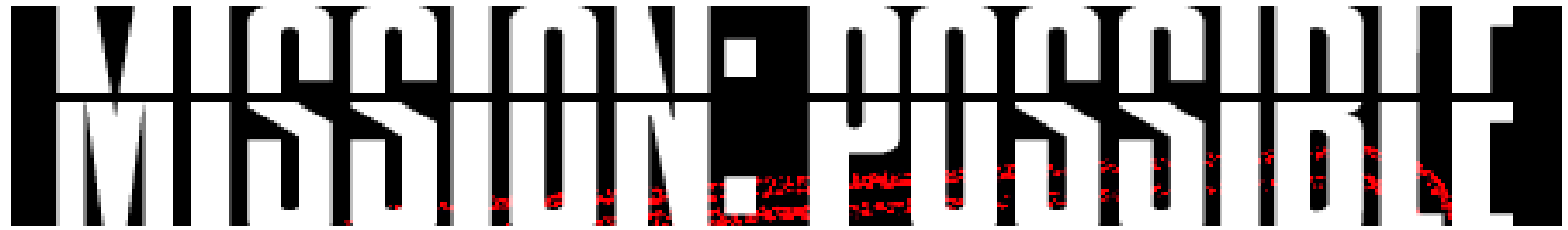


- **People have always wondered what Jesus and His movement is *really* all about!**
- *And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."*
- **We as a congregation have a mission statement that reflects the words of Jesus in Matthew 22...We seek to become a *"Caring Family of God!"***
- **This mission is possible if we as a church love God!**



➤ **Teach His Truth**

- **We recognize His Word as THE authority in the church!**
 - *“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” - 2 Tim 3:16-17*
- **We believe that God speaks through the Word to change lives!**
 - *“preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.” - 2 Tim 4:2*
 - *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” - Rom 1:16*
- **We seek to love God through committed obedience to Him!**



➤ **Glorify Him**

➤ **He is THE central concern in our worship!**

- *“Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name...” - Ps 29:1-2*
- *“O magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.” - 34:3*
- *“Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.” - 95:6-7*
- *“to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever, Amen.” - Eph 3:21*

➤ **We are here because of Him and for Him!**

- *“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.” - Rom 11:36*

➤ **We gather together offering ourselves to God in humility, awe, soberness and celebration!**



➤ **Believe in His Power**

➤ **We trust in a God who still does great things!**

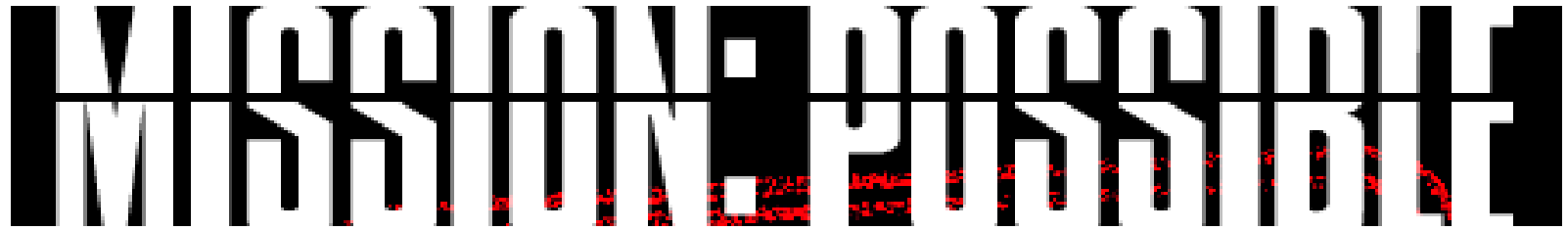
➤ *“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” - Heb 11:6*

➤ *“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us...” - Eph 3:20*

➤ **Walking by faith and not by sight, we will pray, risk, dream and grow!**

➤ *“...With God all things are possible.” - Matt 19:26*

➤ ***“Until we reach for the impossible through fervent, faith-filled prayer, we will never fulfill our created purpose!”***



- **Our mission, should we choose to accept it, is to become a *“Caring Family of God.”***
- **To love God as the church is to listen to, honor and put our faith in Him!**
- **May we never become a church that forgets God!**