**The Obstacles to Discipleship**

(Obstacle 1: The Absence of Love)

Passage: Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 22:34-40; 1 Corinthians 13

1. **Love for God Is the Mark of a True Disciple** – *Matthew 22:37, 38*
   1. God should be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the disciple’s greatest love – *vs. 37*
   2. Love for God requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the disciple’s whole personality – *vs. 37*
   3. Love for God is determined by fear, commitment, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Love for One’s Neighbor Is the Mark of a True Disciple** – *Matthew 22:39*
   1. Love for one’s neighbor requires the denial of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Love for one’s neighbor is the heartbeat of the Great Commission – *Matthew 22:39; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*
3. **The Nature of *Agape*** *– 1 Corinthians 13:4-10, 13*
   1. Love considers the needs and desires of others at the expense of one’s self – *vs. 4, 5*
   2. Love binds the disciple to God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *vs. 6*
   3. Love is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ element that makes discipleship possible – *vs. 7*

**Conclusions for The Great Commission**

1. Love is at the foundation of our obedience to Christ in fulfilling the Great Commission.
2. Love for our neighbors is what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to engage our community with the Gospel.
3. Love is the conscious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to concern ourselves with the needs of those around us at the expense of ourselves.
4. Love that is directed both inward to the church and outward to the community is a bright light of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.