

## John 14:15,21-24 If You Love Me

## 1) Love & Obedience

- a. Love is Basic to our Relationship with God
- b. Obedience is Basic to our Love for God (14:23, 15:9-10,14, 1Jn 2:4-5,5:2-3)
- c. Relationship between Love and Obedience
  - Logical Priority of Love
  - Jesus won't have it in Reverse
  - Jesus' Grammar
    - Expectation v. 15
    - Definition v. 21, 24

## 2) Love as Essence

- a. What is Love?
- b. Fan the Flame

Praxis

2. What are the personal dangers of loveless obedience? Dangers to your church at large?

<sup>1.</sup> Have a roundtable brainstorm about "essential elements" of love for God...

<sup>3.</sup> Read Psalm 116 - identify as many expressions of love for God as you can find there...