

### NEXT WEEKEND:

SPECIAL GUEST DR. AMY ORR-EWING



Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing holds a doctorate in theology from the University of Oxford, has taught at Oxford and now University of Aberdeen, and has written books like “Where is God in All the Suffering?” and “Why Trust the Bible?” answering common questions about our faith.

She has spoken in 40 countries, on university campuses and at the UK Parliament, Capitol Hill, The White House, and the BBC.

Amy’s style is intellectual yet also very accessible and conversational and she will be our guest in all services next week!

### QUESTIONS *For personal reflection or group discussion*

1. Read Mark 12:29-34. What does Jesus say are the two most important commands in the Bible?
2. The teacher of the law says to love God and others is more important than what? Today we don’t do burnt offerings and sacrifices anymore, so fill in the blank for our times: Loving God and others is more important than: \_\_\_\_\_. How can you apply this verse to your schedule, your family, your task list today?
3. Read 1 John 4:19 and Deuteronomy 33:12. Do you think most people struggle with really believing God loves them? Why? What could change if you truly believed and could say, without reservation, “I am the beloved of God”?
4. What can distract you from loving God? How could you stay better focused on loving God? What do you need to change so you can better focus on loving God?

# WELCOME HOME

TWIN LAKES CHURCH 3/1 & 2, 2025  
SATURDAYS 6PM SUNDAYS 9 & 11AM

**New? Meet us at the *After Party* sign in the lobby for a gift bag!**

### THIS WEEKEND: ADVENTURES IN PARENTING

**Sunday 3/2 11am**, parents join us for a time of connection and equipping!  
More info at [tlc.org/parentadventure](https://tlc.org/parentadventure).

### NEXT WEEKEND: THE WORD BIBLE CONFERENCE

#### Saturday 3/8 9am-3:30pm: Seminars and Q&A

Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing, Oxford and Aberdeen Universities  
*“Why Trust the Bible?”*

Dr. Mike Licon, Professor, Houston Christian University  
*“Why Are There Differences in the Gospels?”*  
*“What Does it Mean That the Bible is Inspired?”*

Dr. Dominick Hernandez, Talbot Seminary  
*“Making Sense of the Old Testament Prophetic Books”*

Dr. Carol Kaminski, Gordon-Conwell Seminary  
*“The Bible: One Story That Leads to Jesus”*

Dr. Gerry Breshears, Western Seminary  
*“What Does it Mean to Believe the Bible is Wholly True?”*

Register at [tlc.org/theword](https://tlc.org/theword)

### IN TWO WEEKS: MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you’re considering making TLC your home, this fun class is for you! Join us Sunday 3/16, 12:15-1:45pm. Sign up at [tlc.org/](https://tlc.org/)

### GET CONNECTED

- To be included in the TLC prayer letter, visit [tlc.org/prayer](https://tlc.org/prayer)
- To give, use the boxes in the lobby or visit [tlc.org/give](https://tlc.org/give)
- Sign up for our weekly email newsletter at [tlc.org/newsletter](https://tlc.org/newsletter)



WEEK 2  
ALL ABOUT LOVE  
MARK 12:28-31

Now one of the scribes had come up and heard their debate. Noticing how well Jesus had answered them, he asked Him, “**Which commandment** is the **most important of all?**” - Mark 12:28

**By the numbers:**

The Pharisees in Jesus’ day identified

- 613 commands in the Bible, each divided into subcommands
- Just one of the commands had 39 subcommands
- Within those 39 were 1,500 more rules
- And this is just for one of the 613 commands!
- This added up to thousands of extra rules

Jesus replied, “This is the most important: ‘Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. **Love the Lord your God** with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind** and with all your **strength.**’ The second is this: ‘**Love your neighbor as yourself.**’ No other commandment is greater than these.” Mark 12:28-31

“All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:40

Jesus is quoting two of his favorite verses:  
**Deuteronomy 6:5** and **Leviticus 19:18.**

**This weekend:** Focus on Deuteronomy 6:5: **Love God**

**Next weekend:** Bible conference with special guest **Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing**

**In two weekends:** Focus on Leviticus 19:18: **Love People**

**Everything changes when love for God is my...**

**1. Core** \_\_\_\_\_

“...with all your **heart**...”

We love **because he first loved us.** 1 John 4:19

Let the **beloved** of the LORD **rest secure** in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves **rests** between his shoulders. Deuteronomy 33:12

See what **great love** the Father has **lavished** on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1a

The most important thing you can know is that \_\_\_\_\_.

The most important thing you can do is \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Core** \_\_\_\_\_

“...with all your **soul**...”

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water... because your love is better than life. Psalm 63:1,3

**3. Core** \_\_\_\_\_

“...with all your **mind**...”

I pray... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then you, being **rooted and grounded in love**, will have power, together with all the saints, to **comprehend** the length and width and height and depth of the **love of Christ**, and to **experience this love** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19

**4. Core** \_\_\_\_\_

“...with all your **strength**...”

**Love** is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:10

**This week, throughout each day, pray this simple prayer:**

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