

# Alliance Coaching Connection #2

**Session Aim: ... *Cultivating an Intimate Love Relationship with God.***

**Before you start:** Remember, coaching is about relationship.....it is ***Christ-Centered Relational Multiplication***. Coaching is the word we use intentionally because we are talking about helping people get on to the “playing field” of ministry. Keep in mind also the two key skills:

- ❑ **Listen Actively**...Listen carefully to what is being said and prayerfully to what the Spirit is saying.
- ❑ **Ask open-ended Questions**...questions which arise from good listening.

**Note**...a time of coaching should be organic and relational rather than linear. In other words, using the “R’s” need not be in order.

## **Relate**

- What are you most passionate about these days?
- What are you doing for fun?

## **Refresh**

- What is the most significant thing that has happened since the last time we met?
- How are you doing with (anything that may have been a distraction in deepening love for God).....?
- What can we celebrate?

## **Reveal**

- **Reflect.**
  - As you consider what you are most passionate about these days, how is that connected with your passion for God?
  - Is anything heavy on your shoulders these days?
  - How is God expressing His love for you?
  - What key passages of Scripture is God using in your life?
- **2. Refocus.**
  - What are the key passages that might offer encouragement in your relationship with the Father?
  - What are you doing to cultivate your love relationship with the Father?
  - What might be a good book of the Bible to read to refresh the idea of cultivating love for God and living a great commandment lifestyle?
- **3. Resource.**
  - What can I do to help you?
  - Who else might you network with who could help you to cultivate an intimate love relationship with God? Who do you know that models a love relationship with God.....and would it be profitable to spend a bit of time with them?
  - What resources do you have already that might be helpful?

## **Review**

Echo back what you hear being said, what God seems to be prompting, summarize. Inspire, affirm, and mobilize to action. Pray.

- What Scriptures might be good to memorize and hide in your heart?
- What do you sense you need to do now?
- What needs to change if you are to grow in your love for God?
- What might we be able to celebrate the next time we meet?
- Of the ideas we have discussed, which one has the greatest potential for future success?

**Additional Resources and Biblical Passages to Consider:**

- **1 Corinthians 13, especially 13:13.**

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- **1 John 4, especially 4:16**

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

- **The Great Commandment...Matt 22:37-38**

*“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’”*

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Matt 24:12-14

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

John 14:23-24

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”

Rom 12:9

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

1 Cor. 2:9-10

However, as it is written:

"No eye has seen,

no ear has heard,

no mind has conceived

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

1 Cor. 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Cor. 16:22-24

If anyone does not love the Lord--a curse be on him. Come, O Lord!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

2 Cor. 2:7-9

I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

Gal 5:22-24

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Eph 3:17-19

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Eph 6:24

Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Phil 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God.

Phil 2:1-2

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

Col 3:14

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

1 Thess. 1:2-3

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thess 2:10

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

2 Tim 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Heb 6:10-11

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Heb 10:23-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

1 Peter 1:8-9

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.