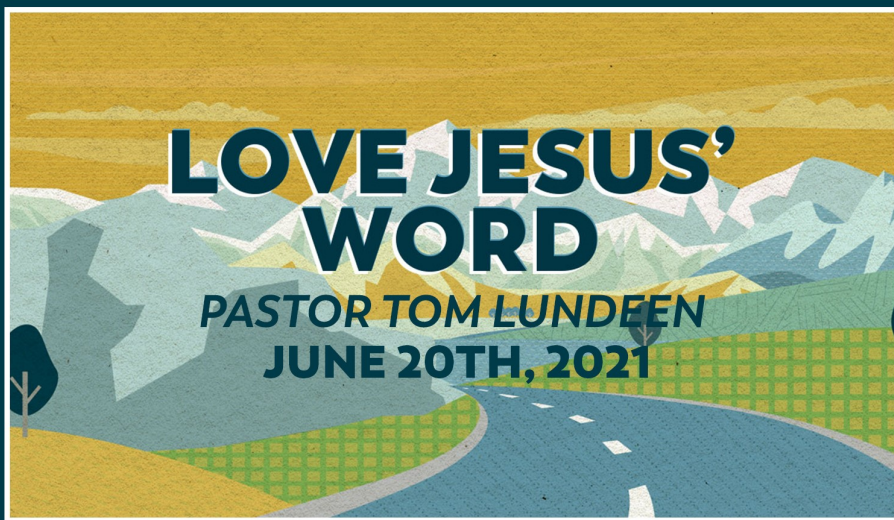




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# “LOVE JESUS’ WORD”

Pastor Tom Lundeen

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Day One: [Matt 4](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 4](#)

Day Three: [Romans 4](#)

Day Four: [1Thessalonians 4](#)

Day Five: [Job 4](#)

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