

Mark 12:28-34 English Standard Version (ESV)

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” 32 And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Discussion/Journal Questions

How is everyone doing with the Resolve 2021 goals? How is your time in prayer, Bible, and Christian community going?

Have you ever noticed that what you love, you start to become? How have you seen this play out in your life or the lives of those around you?

Why is humility so important when it comes to studying God's Word?

Read Mark 12:28-34. In your own words, why do you think Jesus declared these the two most important commands of the Jewish Law?

Who is your neighbor?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. How does loving God with everything bring about our transformation?

How would you describe the difference between biblical self-love and worldly self-love?

What are some practical ways you can demonstrate the love of Jesus to people in your life this week?

How can your group come together to show love to people in your community?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?