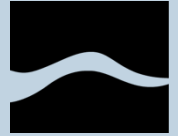


# SERMON NOTES

## TELL ME ABOUT HIS GREATEST DESIRE

Mark 12:28-34



BIG IDEA: Jesus desires wholehearted devotion that expresses itself in love for God and love for others.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

MAY 24, 2026

## DISCUSS

What is one relationship in your life that has required the most intentional effort to maintain well—and why? What makes relationships flourish versus slowly drift apart?

## EXPLORE

Why do you think the scribe's interaction with Jesus feels different from the other confrontations in Mark 11–12? What stands out about his approach and response?

According to Jesus, why must loving God come before loving others? How does Jesus root devotion in the character and identity of God?

What does the scribe understand correctly in verses 32–34, and why does Jesus still stop short of saying he is “in” the kingdom of God?

## APPLY

What currently competes with God for your greatest affection, attention, or devotion? How can you practically reorder your life so that your love for him becomes more supreme?

Who is someone that has been difficult for you to love recently? What would genuine Christlike love look like toward that person in both your attitude and actions this week?

Is your relationship with Jesus primarily based on admiration and agreement, or on genuine surrender and trust? What evidence in your life points to wholehearted devotion rather than mere nearness to the kingdom?

## COMMIT

“This week, I will seek to love God more supremely and love others more genuinely by intentionally surrendering one area of my heart, schedule, or relationships more fully to Christ.” What will this be?