

CENTERGROVE CHURCH

Scriptures for further study

1 Thess. 5:18 | Colossians 2:6-7 | Luke 17:11-19

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Mark 12:28-34

“Gratitude, thankfulness, or gratefulness, from the Latin word gratus ‘pleasing, thankful’, is a feeling of appreciation felt by and/or similar positive response shown by the recipient of kindness, gifts, help, favors, or other types of generosity, towards the giver of such gifts.”

1. What are some of the unique or quirky ways you’ve shown love to someone you are close to (spouse, child, parent, etc.)? What are some ways you’ve seen the word “love” used that fall short of the biblical meaning?
2. Read Mark 12:28-31. Describe what it looks like in your life to love God the way Jesus put it in verses 29-30. What are some of the things that make it challenging to love God as Jesus tells you?
3. The final component of Jesus’ great commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Why does it matter so much that we love others?
4. Read Mark 12:32-34. What surprises you most about the scribe’s answer to Jesus? What do you think was the scribe’s biggest issue? What did Jesus mean that the scribe was not far off from the kingdom of God? What else was needed?
5. Why do you think love is such a defining mark of the Christian? Do we tend to think of love as the primary mark of the Christian life? If not, what do we think of as that mark? Why?
6. What are some tangible expressions of God’s kind of love you might practice this week: At your workplace? In your home? With your friends? In your neighborhood?