

LIFE GROUP GUIDE – Week Beginning Sunday 21st June 2026

Key Scripture: Mark 12:28–34

This Week's Big Idea

The commandments were never meant to be a burden from the outside, but a desire to live a life pleasing to God, as a love declaration to Him who loved us first.

Icebreaker

Have you ever received a gift or act of kindness that made you genuinely want to do something in return - not because you had to, but because you wanted to?

Focusing on God

You could use one or both of the following songs to help you focus your minds on Jesus and His love for us

Jesus Paid It All (Kim Walker & Worship Circle) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vJYRQ5aTbQ>

Build My Life (Pat Barrett) – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xh86R7_w1_8

Getting into Scripture

Read Mark 12:28-34 together.

1. What stands out to you in Jesus' conversation with the teacher of the law?
 2. Why do you think Jesus chose these two commandments as the summary of the entire Law?
 3. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27. How does God's promise of a new heart and His Spirit change the way we think about God's commandments?
 4. Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Which of these areas do you find easiest to offer to God? Which do you find most challenging at the moment?
 5. How does understanding God's love for us change our motivation to obey Him?
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Prayer

Spend a few moments in quiet, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak.

Ask Him to continue shaping your heart so that your obedience flows from love rather than obligation. Invite Him to show you one way you can love God more intentionally this week, and one person He is calling you to love especially.

Then split into groups of two or three. If you're comfortable, share what God has been speaking to you during the time in silence, and take time to pray for one another.