

THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Families with young children, our kids in **Nursery and Kids' Church** are having a blast and are being pointed to Jesus, our greatest Treasure. Sign-in each child at back table on Sunday mornings.

Middle School Students:

Grades 5-8 will be starting up on Wednesdays 4:30 - 6 PM.

High School Students:

Meet at the church on Saturdays 5 - 7 pm. For more information, please contact Angie at angela.pikake@gmail.com or Seth at sethbasketballmaster@gmail.com

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army **Food Bank**. Please bring your items **Sunday the 21st** or drop them at the church during the week before.

Ways to Give:

- Online
- Giving box at church
- Mail a check



SERMON NOTES

Paul Kreitzer, Elder - Mark 12:18-44

Big Idea: Jesus encounters the Sadducees with a question about the resurrection. Jesus tells them they are wrong about their understanding of the Scriptures. Jesus then receives an honest question from a scribe about the most important command Jesus answers the scribe with confidence that he is not far from the kingdom. He is still lacking the "new birth". Then Jesus encounter an example of authentic faith as seen in a poor widow in contrast to the hypocrisy of the religious leaders.

- Discussion with the Sadducees about the resurrection
- What is the greatest commandment?
- What does Authentic faith look like?

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

What does the text say? And how does it apply to our lives today?

Mark 12:18-27

- Why do the Sadducees, who do not believe in any life after death, ask Jesus a complicated question about what life is like after death? What does Jesus hope to accomplish with His answer?
- What is Jesus trying to teach us about heaven in verses 18-27?
- When you think about heaven, what emotions do you experience? And why?
- How does your view of heaven, and your feelings about heaven, impact your daily life?

Mark 12:28:34

- In your own words, what does “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” mean?
- The scribe asks, “What’s the greatest commandment?” and Jesus responds with two commands. Why?
- How did “love the Lord with all your heart...” get lived out in the Old Testament? How does it get lived out since Jesus’ death and resurrection?
- How is being loved by God related to loving Him, and how is that connected with loving others?

Mark 12:35-44

- What is wrong with the scribes’ understanding about Jesus that is evident from Psalm 110? How would you paraphrase verse 36?
- How do verses 38-40 relate to loving God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves (verses 28-34)? What is being revealed about the scribes’ love for God and their neighbor?
- What is being revealed about the widow’s love for God in verses 41-44?
- Why is the incarnation (Jesus being fully human AND fully divine — the descendant of David AND the God of David) so important?
- Why is wholehearted love of God so important to Him? What should it be to us?
- How do we express our wholehearted love for God with our money? With our time? With our neighbors?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.