

Like Jesus: The Gospel of Mark

A study for Community Groups to use the week of August 9th.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

Week 26: Mark 12:28-34

Overview

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

"The scribe had requested one commandment, but Jesus gave him two. Love for man in Leviticus 19:18 grows out of love for God in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and is inseparable from it philosophically. The Jews regarded only fellow Jews and full proselytes as their neighbors, but Jesus taught that a neighbor is anyone with whom we have any dealings whatsoever (cf. Luke 10:25-27)." – **Constable Notes**

Questions

*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

- Before Jesus gives a command, He begins with, "The Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Mark 12:29). Why do you think Jesus begins with who God is instead of what we should do? How would seeing God's character more clearly change the way you understand obedience?
- We see in Mark 12:30-34, the teacher understands Jesus' answer, but Jesus tells him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." What is the difference between understanding Jesus' commands and actually trusting Him? Where do you need to admit, "I can't love God or others well on my own," and depend on Jesus instead?
- Jesus connects loving God with all that we are to loving the people He has placed near us. Who is one person in your life God may be inviting you to love more intentionally this week? What could that look like in a specific, practical way?