

Kingdom Rising

“Ganging Up”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: What’s a question you would you like to ask God?

KEY THOUGHT: ***Failing to make God most important opens the door to deadly distractions***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 12:13-27 (May summarize for sake of time)

1. With what attitude are these questions posed to Jesus? Why do you say this?
2. How is the question about taxes intended to be a “no-win” question for Jesus?
3. How does Jesus’ reference in verse 26 to Exodus 3:6 validate the reality of resurrection?
4. In both responses, what common focus does Jesus point His questioners to?

Read Mark 12:28-34

5. What indicates that this scribe probably had a different purpose than the other groups?
6. Why do you suppose Jesus validated the scribe’s answer in verse 34?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Hosea 6:6

1. How does the message of this verse correspond with Mark 12:33?
2. How is this consistent with the overall emphasis of Jesus’ answers to the three questions?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. What is your knee jerk reaction to Jesus’ statement to “Render to Caesar”?
2. What is most encouraging to you about the reality of resurrection?
3. What do you think of Jesus after reading His responses to these questions?
4. Why do you think it’s so challenging to love God with ALL our heart, soul, mind, and strength?
5. What are the results when we make God most important in our lives?
6. What challenges do you face in spending unhurried time with the Lord to get to know Him better? What can you do to work past these challenges?

PRAY...

that we will make God most important in our lives.