



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

Date: June 30, 2019

**Mark 12:18-27**

1. The Sadducees seemed more interested in “trapping” Jesus and getting their own way than in listening to and obeying Jesus. Talk about a time when you were more interested in being right and getting your own way than you were in listening to and obeying Jesus.
2. It seems ridiculous to say that someone would try to be “godlier than Jesus,” but in many ways that is the result of legalism. How did some of the religious leaders in the gospels try to show themselves as godlier than Jesus? How have you made the same mistake?
3. The Sadducees based their theology on the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament. How might their understanding of resurrection have been different if they had read and believed passages like Isaiah 26:19; Ezekiel 37; Daniel 12:2; and 2 Samuel 12:23?
4. Read Hebrews 4:12 and 2 Timothy 3:16. These verses are so often quoted in evangelicalism that we have to work to avoid them become cliché. How do these verses instruct and inform the way you read and apply Scripture in your own life?
5. Read John 20:6-10. According to verse 9, what did the disciples lack at this time? How did the resurrection affect the way that the disciples understood the Bible?
6. Read Romans 1:16-17 and Mark 12:24. What is the power of God for salvation? How does that power help us to better understand and apply God’s word?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Matthew 22:32. Discuss together what it means that God is the God of the living and not the God of the dead.