

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: July 7, 2019

Mark 12:28-34

1. Jesus took the whole law of God and condensed it into two concise commandments. In what ways do you think that we sometimes over-complicate Christianity? How can we simplify it down to the basics?
2. Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6:4. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. How did God expect the nation of Israel to communicate this commandment with each other? How do these verses apply to us today?
3. Take time in your group to carefully consider how it is that you might love God in each of the areas that Jesus mentioned (heart, soul, mind, and strength). What can you do to enhance your love of God in each of these areas?
4. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves. How do you live out this commandment in your local community? How could you do a better job?
5. Read Luke 10:25-37. Based on this passage of Scripture, who is your neighbor? Why is it sometimes difficult for us to love people who look, act, or live differently than we do?
6. In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus commissions his followers to make disciples of all nations. How does our love of God and neighbor enable us to fulfill the Great Commission?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Matthew 22:37. Come up with a way that you and your family could show your neighbors the love of Christ in the coming weeks.