

Read Mark 12:28-34 & 1 Samuel 15:22 Monday, 11/9/09

Look: What does the teacher of the law add to Jesus' answer and why does it show that he is close to the kingdom of God? _____

Look: How is love for God related to love for people? Give an example from your own life: _____

Apply: How would you evaluate your love for God and your love for people today? _____

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-12 Tuesday, 11/10/09

Look: What themes do you see repeated in these verses that influenced Jesus' teaching in the gospel of Mark? _____

Look: What does God want His people to do in order to make sure that each generation does not forget His work? _____

Apply: How can you help the next generation to know God truly and love God passionately? _____

Read Deuteronomy 6:13-25 Wednesday, 11/11/09

Look: What specifics in this passage help you to see how deadly idolatry is when it comes to obeying God? _____

Look: Why do you think it was important for Israel to remember their deliverance from slavery in order to stay faithful to God? _____

Apply: How can you make sure to *remember* all that God has done for you so as to keep your heart devoted to Him? _____

Read Exodus 20:1-21 Thursday, 11/12/09

Look: What stands out to you as important as you read through the Ten Commandments? _____

Look: How can these commandments be summarized by Jesus in the words "Love God" and "Love people"? _____

Apply: Which commandment reminds you the most of your need for the grace of God offered in Jesus? _____

Read Mark 12:35-37, 2 Sam 7:8-16, & Psalm 110 Friday, 11/13/09

Look: How are all three of these passages connected? _____

Look: What does Jesus' teaching in Mark 12:35-37 reveal to us about His identity? _____

Apply: Why is it important to our daily lives that we follow a Savior who is both fully human and fully divine? _____

Read Mark 12:38-44 Saturday, 11/14/09

Look: Compare and contrast the character of the religious leaders and the poor widow. _____

Look: In what ways had the religious leaders (who knew the law) missed the point of the law (that Jesus gave in 12:29-31)? _____

Apply: How can you make sure that your knowledge of God's Word does not outpace your obedience to God's Word? _____

RealLife-Group Discussion Guide

Getting Started:

- (1) Was there a time in your life when you knew information about God but didn't follow Him? What helped you turn the corner?
- (2) What has God said to you during your time in the Word with Him this week and how are you responding to it?

Read Mark 12:28-44 together.

Getting Deep:

- (1) What are three new things we learn about Jesus as we study His teaching and His actions in these verses?
- (2) What happens in this passage that continues to raise the tension level between Jesus and the religious leaders?
- (3) What lessons should we learn from the fact that the experts in the law were also the ones who least obeyed the law?
- (4) What part of this week's passage challenged you the most? How did it speak to you?

Getting Real:

- (1) What commands from the Bible do you know well but struggle to obey? How can you start to change that?
- (2) As you search your own heart, do you see love for God and love for people at your core? How do you know?
- (3) How does the gospel of Jesus Christ change us from being externally religious people into being genuine lovers of God?
- (4) What does God want you to take away from this week's study?



DISCIPLE

THE BOOK OF MARK

Missing the Point

Mark 12:28-44

The Point (12:28-34)

(1) Know God _____

(2) Love God _____

All of Me:

(3) Love People _____

Missing the Point (The Scribes in 12:35-40)

(1) Know God _____

(2) Love God _____

(3) Use People _____

Getting the Point (The Widow 12:41-44)

(1) She _____ Sacrificially

(2) She _____ Fully

How are we missing the point?