



Mark 12:28–34 / Pastor Matthew St. John / March 11, 2018

Discussion Questions

1. Throughout the years, what have you perceived to be the most important rules relating to church? How were these expectations reinforced for you and in what ways, if any, have you had to “rethink” the rules you heard?
2. In Mark 12:28, the scribe used the singular word “commandment” when asking about the most important command of the Scriptures. In Mark 12:31, Jesus used the same singular word to describe His response and yet He offered two commandments as an answer to the scribe’s question (verses 29–31). Why is this? In what way do James 2:8, 1 John 4:21 and 2 John 1:5 relate to this dynamic?
3. Carefully read 1 Corinthians 13, 1 Timothy 1:3–5 and John 13:31–35. In the face of many expectations that could exist for disciples of Jesus, why is love preeminent? How has this proven itself to be true of you this past week? What might it look like for you in the week or two ahead? What does it demonstrate to the watching world?
4. Read Matthew 5:43–48. What if the neighbor you are to love is an “enemy?” How might you choose love for that individual?
5. If you are with your Life Group or your family, take time to pray that God can help you love those around you—even those who are very hard to love.

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