

Study Guide on Mark 12:28-37

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Mark 12:28-37

(Mark 12:28) One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

(Mark 12:29) Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

(Mark 12:30) you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

(Mark 12:31) The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

(Mark 12:32) Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other';

(Mark 12:33) and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'--this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

(Mark 12:34) When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

(Mark 12:35) While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David?

(Mark 12:36) David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

(Mark 12:37) David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?