



# International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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## Mark 12:28-37 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#) are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

### **1. In what way did Jesus show that obeying the Law of God was important?**

Jesus taught that obeying the Law of God was important, and unlike many of the scribes and Pharisees Jesus obeyed the Law perfectly and as He intended the Law to be obeyed. He proved to be a good example to all.

### **2. Do you think obeying the Law of God is still important for those who say they follow Jesus?**

Yes. The Law of God requires everyone to love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength and to love their neighbors as themselves. God will never say the Law of God is unimportant and is not needed to be obeyed. God is love and God would never say that people will not need to love God and one another even in heaven. Jesus has told us to love one another as He has loved us.

### **3. What reason can you give for thinking the scribe who asked about the greatest commandment might have become a sincere follower of Jesus?**

He questioned Jesus sincerely rather than try to entrap Jesus. He also said that Jesus answered his question rightly and truly. He learned that listening to Jesus and following Jesus would be wise.

**4. Why do you think Jesus answered the scribe directly instead of in a parable?**

The scribe did not need to be answered in a parable because Jesus knew his heart and He knew that he had ears to hear and a willingness to obey the truth and the Law of God as quickly as he learned what God wanted him to do.

**5. Why do you think Jesus did not give the scribes and Pharisees the answer to His question?**

He knew they would not understand His answer and because they would not understand or accept His answer, they would only use His answer as an excuse to kill Him rather than follow Him. It was not yet His time for Him to go to the cross as a ransom for sinners.

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