



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Mark 12:28-34; James 2:14-17 **Scripture Handout New English Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

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

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

(Mark 12:30) And 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) And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.

(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, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

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

(James 2:14) What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

(James 2:15) If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,

(James 2:16) and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

(James 2:17) So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

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