

Discussion Questions

- 1. Read Mark 12:28-44.
- 2. What might it look like to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? How would your life look different if you did this?
- 3. Verse 32 shows that the scribe/teacher of the law liked Jesus and was impressed by Him. But He didn't understand who He was (verses 35-37). How important is it for us to love God with all of our minds and try to understand the deep truths about Him?
- 4. The scribe tried to pass judgement on Jesus (he liked Him) but Jesus passed judgement on the scribe (v 34). Loving God doesn't mean liking Him when He agrees with us, it means submitting to Him no matter what. Are there areas in your life where it is hard to submit to God?
- 5. Love is more than understanding and submitting. It involves affection. Do you often have feelings of affection towards God? Why or why not? What steps can you take to grow in your love?
- 6. What might it look like to love your neighbour as yourself? How would your life look different if you did this?
- 7. Verses 38-40 show that the scribes didn't love like this. They may have agreed that it was important, but their lives didn't show it. Jesus judges them for seeking glory and for not caring for the poor and weak. Do you struggle with seeking glory? What about with loving and caring for the poor and weak? How does the story of the poor widow in verses 41-44 challenge you? What steps can you take to do better in these areas?
- 8. We can't do these things on our own. This kind of love doesn't come naturally. What will motivate us to love God and others with everything we have? (Take a look at 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21.)