

## **Study Guide**

### **Mark 12:28-44**

**Theme: If Jesus is God, then I will love Him with all my heart.**

1. Read Mark 12:28-34. Discuss the concept of loving God as a Person and loving the Body of Christ on earth. How does that look in our lives?
2. Read Mark 12:35-37. How can the Messiah be inferior to King David as his son, and superior to him as his Lord? The answer comes to us in Isaiah 7:14 with the virgin birth. What are the implications of Jesus (who lived and died for us), being God? What if Jesus was just a good prophet? How does that affect my love for Him?
3. Read Mark 12:38-40. Describe fake love. Have you ever met someone who tries to look good on the outside, takes advantage of others and leaves you feeling worse about yourself? How can religion do that to people?
4. Read Mark 12:41-44. How does this poor widow illustrate true love? What does it mean to be a lover of God? How can you and I learn from these examples and become more like this widow?

#### **Application**

Pray for God to do the impossible- to change our hearts and affections more towards Him.

## Message Slides

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#### **I. Loving God (Mark 12:28-34)**

<sup>28</sup>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?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' <sup>30</sup>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.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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." <sup>34</sup>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.

#### **A. Loving God, the Person**

*Heart*

*Soul – Mind- Body*

#### **B. Loving God, the Body**

Mark 12:31a- "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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#### **II. Who is this God I am to love? (Mark 12:35-37)**

<sup>35</sup>And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? <sup>36</sup>David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'" <sup>37</sup>David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly.

1 John 4:19- "We love because He first loved us."

#### **III. Fake Love- Religion (Mark 12:38-40)**

<sup>38</sup>And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup>and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at

feasts, <sup>40</sup>who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

#### **IV. True love- Relationship (Mark 12:41-44)**

<sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup>And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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