

Home Group Discussion Guide

Preferring God – Mark 12:28-34

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. When you hear the phrase, *Greatest Commandment* – what comes to your mind?
2. Can you think of a moment when someone cut through complexity and gave you a refreshingly simple, straight answer?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Mark 12:28-34; Deuteronomy 6:4-5

(Read Mark 12:28-34)

1. What in this passage stands out to you? Why?
2. How does Jesus' words focus us on the **ONE JOB** we have as Christians?
 - a. How do we live this out?
3. Simon spoke about the word Jesus used for love – *Agapeseis* – which means to prefer, or show preference to. How does this change the way you read this passage?
4. How does your thinking shift when you consider preferring God?
 - a. What does it look like to prefer God?
 - b. What about preferring your neighbour?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Consider your last week – What are some of the things you have shown preference for?
 - a. What does this say about what you value?
2. What can you choose this week to preference God?
3. What can you choose this week to preference your neighbour?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

Please note that Home Group Discussion Guides will finish for 2025 with the 30th of November's message. They will return again in late January 2026.

