



## **Growth Group Discussion Guide**

Passage: Mark 12:28-34

**Introduction:** In this passage a scribe approaches Jesus to question him about God's Law. This man was impressed with Jesus' response to the Sadducees and so asks, "which is the greatest commandment?". There is no malice or deceit in the scribe's tone, however, Jesus' responses still challenges him to reconsider his understanding of God's Law and wrestle with his own unbelief.



### **Into the Word**

*I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them. - Matt 5:17*

What aspect of in this passage do you find the most confusing or surprising?

Do you agree that love of God and love of others are inherently linked? If so, how?

Consider: 1 John 4:20

**Read Exodus 20:1-17.** How would you describe true love based on God's Law? Which of the Ten Commandments surprises you when thought about as an expression of love?

Note: The first four commands relate to loving God, the last six to loving others.

How does the scribe's understanding of the Kingdom of God fall short? (v. 32-33)

Consider: Matthew 5:17, Hebrews 9:12



### **Into the Heart**

*God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit - Romans 5:5*

**Read Ephesians 3:14-19.** Why is the love of God for us difficult to grasp?

**Read 1 John 4:19.** How might this passage shape our understanding of sanctification?

Consider: Luke 7:47



### **Into the World**

*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.- John 13:35*

Is God's definition of love different than the world? If so, how is it different?

Consider: Romans 5:8

How can we show devotion to God in our lives? What parts of life are we forgetting?

Consider: John 13:35