

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 9/17/2023
Mark 12:28-37 “What Matters Most”
Series: *“Mark: The Servant in Action”*

I. The most important _____ (28-34)

- A. A _____ asks Jesus a question (28).
- B. _____ answers the question (29-31).
 - 1. Love _____ with all you are and have.
 - 2. Love your _____ with the same consideration you give yourself.
- C. The scribe _____ Jesus (32-33).
- D. Jesus _____ the scribe (34).
 - 1. What matters in God’s kingdom is not _____ for us.
 - 2. What matters in God’s kingdom is why we need a _____.

II. The most important _____ (35-37)

- A. Jesus asks a question about the _____’ view of Messiah (35).
- B. Jesus asks a question about _____’s view of Messiah (36-37).
 - 1. He _____ what we must believe.
 - 2. He _____ what we must do.

Take Inventory: Does what matters most to God matter most to me?

- 1. Is there evidence that I love _____?
- 2. Is there evidence that I love my _____?
- 3. Is there evidence that I know the _____?

Community Group Discussion:

- 1. Today’s message from Mark 12:28-37 was entitled, *“What Matters Most.”* After reading the passage again, discuss what most captures your attention in this text.
- 2. Beginning in Mark 11:27 and into Mark 12, the religious leaders try several times to trick Jesus into saying something that they could use against Him. Why were Israel’s religious leaders so antagonistic to Jesus? What do we learn about Jesus from how He handled their attacks?
- 3. In Mark 12:28, a scribe approached Jesus. What stands out about this man? How is he like the other leaders, and how is he different from them?
- 4. According to Jesus in verses 29-31, what matter most? Why do you think Jesus identifies *two* commands in His answer rather than one?
- 5. How does the scribe respond to Jesus in verses 32-33? Why does Jesus tell the scribe in verse 34 that he is “not far from the kingdom of God”?
- 6. What question does Jesus ask about the scribes in verse 36, and why? What do we learn about Jesus from this? What do we learn about how to minister to lost religious people?