



Life Group Discussion Guide

March 23 – Mark 12 --- The Greatest Commandment

Life Group Leaders,

During our *100 Days with Jesus*, you will have two approach options to guide your group in studying Sunday's text. We encourage you to try both methods over the next few months.

1. **Discussion Questions** – Each week, you'll receive a set of questions related to the text. If you choose this option, feel free to select the questions that best fit your group's needs and dynamics.
2. **SEEDS Discovery Bible Study** – This method introduces a Bible study format designed to empower participants to engage deeply with Scripture. The goal is to equip your group members with a practical tool for exploring the Bible with others, aligning with our mission to *Advance the Kingdom* with Jesus.

Both options are designed to enrich your group's experience. Experiment with each to discover what works best for your group. Thank you for leading and serving so well!

Discussion Questions:

1. Read **Deuteronomy 6:1-25** (or 6:1-9 if time is limited).
 - The command to love God is fleshed out in this passage in the following three ways: **fear God, obey God, and pass these things on to the future generations**. What examples of these do you see in the passage?
 - What does this passage teach us about God?
 - What in this passage stood out to you or surprised you?
2. Read **Leviticus 19:9-17** and **19:32-35**.
 - What do verses 9-10 teach us about how we should view our possessions?
 - Ask someone to explain what verse 14 says. Can you think of similar situations in your life where this informs how you should treat others?
 - Why does verse 14 follow with the command to "fear your God"? What does that command mean?

- What other ways of loving your neighbor do you see in this passage? Is there a verse that is challenging you right now?

3. Reflection and Application: Read **Mark 12:28-34**.

- What does it look like for you to love God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength?
- What is one way you can love your neighbor as yourself this week?

SEEDS Bible Study:

The Discovery Method works most effectively in small groups of three to four people. For larger gatherings, consider breaking into smaller groups to encourage deeper discussion. Here's a simple format to follow:

- **Form Small Groups:** Divide the larger group into smaller groups of three to four people.
- **Pose Questions:** Present one question at a time for the smaller groups to discuss. Allow a few minutes for meaningful conversation.
- **Share Insights:** Invite groups to share their thoughts with the larger group, if they feel led. This step fosters collective learning and reflection.
- **Repeat for Additional Questions:** Continue the process with the next question, following the same structure.
- **Close in Prayer:** Conclude the session with prayer, either within the smaller groups or together as a large group.

This approach encourages participation, reflection, and shared learning while keeping the conversation focused and engaging.

Discussion Questions:

Share

- What are you grateful for?
- What is stressing you out?

Explore

- What stood out to you from the sermon?
- Read the text twice (Select a portion of this week's text to focus on for your group's discussion.)
- Retell the passage in your own words.

Examine

- What questions, observations, and thoughts do you have about this passage?
- What does this text say about God, Jesus, and humanity?

Do It – Either alone or with others in the group.

- If the text is true, what are you sensing God saying to you?
- Write an "I will" statement.
- What does that look like for you?

Seek God's Kingdom

- **Tell:** Is there someone in your life you can share this text/truth with?
- **Give:** Is there someone in your life that you can serve this week?
- **Pray:** Close in prayer: God, thank You for planting SEEDS in us so we can share those SEEDS with others as we Advance the Kingdom!