

Love the Lord

Sunday, September 18, 2016 Mk 12:28-34; Mt 22:34-40

Big Ideas

- Can be Briefly and Simply Stated
- Relatively Easy to Grasp
- Challenging to Live Out the Implications

To and About

A Contrast

- Speaking About God; Speaking To God
- An Object; a Person
- Information; Relationship
- Prayer, Worship, Meditation

Love

A Relationship Word – Space for Connecting with God

More Important

Mk 12:29-30, 32-33; Mt 23:23

- Some things are more important than others
- Thriving in life – Valuing things rightly
- Jesus clarified what was most important
- He warned of “religious misvaluing”
- This requires courage and deep honesty!

Reading the Bible

Jesus on the Bible

- Here – The Summary – What God Wants – Matt 22:37-40
- Other Places – What God Meant
- Let Jesus Guide our Interpretation

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- Creating Space for Relational Connection
- It matters more than anything else
- It is what the Bible is about

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

What would your close friends say is something really important to you?

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read Passage

Have several people read a paragraph from these two passages.
Mk 12:28-34
Mt 22:34-40

Discuss a few of these questions:

How could you tell what is important to a person?

What does Jesus say should be most important to us?

When do you feel closest to God?

What could you do to create more space for connection to God?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other. You may want to share specific requests.