

**Introduction:** Mark 12:28-34

**Big Idea:** Love God, Love People

**Text:** Romans 12:1-2; 9-21

## A. Love God (Romans 12:1-2)

*Our genuine and sincere love for God is shown in our...*

1. D **evotion** - The way we **live** (v.1)

2. D **ecisions** - The way we **think** (v.2)

3. D **esires** - The way we **pursue** God's will (v.2)

## B. Love People (Romans 12:9-21)

*Our genuine and sincere love for others is shown in how we...*

P **ursue** to do what is good and hate what is evil (v.9)

E **ncourage** others by the way we serve and honor them (v.10-12)

A **ssist** others through our generosity and hospitality (v.13)

C **ultivate** peace and unity by Christlike humility (v.14-16)

E **xpress** forgiveness towards others the way Christ forgave us (v.17-21)

**Conclusion:**

1. In your relationships with others (ex. Family, Church, Work, and Community), what are the main challenges in maintaining meaningful, healthy and loving relationships?

2. Read Mark 12:28-34 and answer the following questions:

a. According to Jesus, the most important commandment is, “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*” In your own opinion, why do you think Jesus considered this commandment as the most important? And how will it benefit a Christian if he/she follows it?

b. How does loving God above all affect the way we treat and love our neighbors, especially the ones who have hurt or offended us in the past?

c. In verse 33, what do you think the lawyer meant when he said, “*To love God above all and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.*”? And in verse 34, when Jesus said to the lawyer, “*You are not far from the kingdom of God.*” What do you think He meant by this?

3. Please review letter B in your message outline and cite some areas in your life that you think you need to improve or develop.

4. To help fulfill our church vision of “building a blended community of Christ's followers” in your life group, suggest some practical ways on how your group can grow in reaching out to people in or outside of church who are not part of a loving community.

**PRAY**