

Faith at Home Questions for Reflection & Home Discussion

March 24 – Mark 12:28-44, The greatest commandment

Share Highs & Lows from your day

Read the following text together and then talk about the questions listed.

- Mark 12:28-34 (The Most Important Commandment)
 - Jesus says we are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
 - What does it mean for YOU to love the Lord with all your heart?
 - ...your soul? ...your mind? ...your strength?
 - Do you 100% love God with your heart, soul, mind, & strength?
 - If not 100%, what percent do you think you're at? 10%? 25%? 50%?
 - What makes it hard or easy to love God fully?
 - Does what is going on in the world right now affect your love & understanding of God?
 - The second commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself.
 - Think about your physical neighbors...the people who live close to you.
 - How many of your neighbors do you know?
 - Do you know them well, or just by name/face?
 - In a time when we are being asked to stay home, how have relationships changed with the people you are usually in contact with?
 - Do you now communicate with everyone you'd see on a typical day or do you now limit the number of people you communicate with? (text, snapchat, Instagram, phone/video calls, etc...)
 - Do you feel more or less connected with your friends?
 - Who are the most vulnerable people in your community right now?
 - I believe at this time, we are all vulnerable. How do we love our neighbors and love ourselves in the midst of the uncertainty in our world?
- Mark 12:41-44 (The Widow's Offering)
 - Jesus draws special attention to 2 things in this story. The Widow's offering and the offering of those who have plenty.
 - Right now, do you feel like you are in a place of abundance or scarcity?
 - What are some of the unknowns you are trying to prepare for?
 - We trust that God will provide for us, but we also try to take measures to protect our families and loved ones.
 - What are some ways that we can love and care for others, even while practicing social distancing?
 - What ways are you helping your family right now?
 - Helping and being gracious with one another is always important, but especially now as we work through so many changes in our daily lives.
 - What are 3 things you can do to encourage or be gracious with those around you?
 - Reach out to people in your confirmation small group and check in with them.
 - What fun/creative things are they doing?
 - How can you support one another?
 - What struggles are you facing?

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- As we love the Lord our God with our entire self and love our neighbors, I believe it gives us a pretty clear direction on how we are to love and support one another, especially in a time like this. Offering ourselves to those in need in conversation, in listening, and in prayer.
- Closing
 - As we seek to follow Jesus during this time of uncertainty, how can we specifically be praying for:
 - our friends?
 - our family?
 - our confirmation small group?
 - People around the globe?
 - Spend time praying with one another. Ask the people with you if they have specific prayer requests.
 - Things to be thankful for
 - Things we are struggling with