

## Family Handout

### Review:

What did we talk about last week? (Jesus teach on the parable of the wicked tenant farmers)

Who did the different characters represent?

The man who planted the garden/owner= God

The vineyard=Israel- God's people

The tenant farmers= the religious leaders

The servants=prophets

The son= Jesus

What does it mean that Jesus should be the cornerstone of our lives? (Jesus' life and His Word should be the standard in which we live by)

**Content Covered:** Mark 12:28-34. This week we will see Jesus teach on the two greatest commandments- love God and love others.

**Context:** To best appreciate this section of Scripture we must understand the role of the scribe as a religious leader in Jerusalem. They were the teachers of the Old Testament Law and were known as the experts in their day. We can think of them like the people with a PhD in the Old Testament. They were highly respected and were often presented with tough questions to try and explain within the Old Testament. We see that this is exactly what is happening with the scribe seeking to stump Jesus with a hard, biblical question of summing up the entire Old Testament with one command.

**Main Point:** The point of this passage is to teach us about the main focus of the Christian life- love God and love others. It is not possible to love God without loving others and it is not possible to truly love others without loving God.

### Application:

If someone were to write down the five most important things in your life, would God and the love of others be in your top five? (We would ask someone else to do it because we tend to think we are more spiritual than we actually are)

Do you find your ultimate joy and satisfaction in what God thinks of you or do you find it in your achievements or what others think of you?

Do people around you think that you are a loving person? Do you represent God in how you interact with others?

Have you experienced the true love of God by becoming a follower of Him? Have you put your faith in Jesus as the one able to save you?

**Series Memory Verse:** Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."