



Fathers Who Disciple

June 20, 2021

Group Discussion Guide

Read the following scripture passages from **Mark 12:28-34**, The Great Commandment.

In verse 28, Jesus is asked by a scribe, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus responds in verses 29 and 30 by repeating the Shema found in Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

These are the verses every Jewish family recites when they arise in the morning and before they lie down at night. These scriptures would have been very familiar to the scribe.

- Out of all of the commandments in the Torah, why would Jesus choose this one as the greatest commandment?
- **Reread verse 30.** How do you think you can practically live this verse out?
- Where or when do you find it most difficult to follow this commandment?

Jesus goes on to add the second most important commandment in verse 31. **Reread verse 31.**

- Why do you think Jesus would take this opportunity to tie these two verses together in answering the scribe's question?
- What challenges do you find in living out this second most important commandment?

Now read the Shema found in **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

- Why do you think it is so important to impress the Shema on children when they are young?
- What practical ways can we teach children (yours or others) about this most important commandment?
- How can you support fathers and mothers who desire to raise their children in accordance with the Shema?

Take a few minutes as a group to consider the impact you can have on the next generation.

Pray for the children and parents that your group members have influence over.

Make a list of these people and commit to pray for them this week.