

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is your favorite season of the year and why?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. Jesus had just showed the Sadducees, who did not believe that there was life after death, how wrong they were, saying, “You don’t know the Scriptures or the power of God.” Now a teacher of religious law asks Jesus a very important question.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 12:28-34**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - This religious teacher agreed with what Jesus said about the two most important commandments. Did that make him a “Christian”? Why or why not?
 - What are some reasons we don’t love God and love others the way we should?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - God’s most important commandments are about loving. What does it show about God?
 - Why do you think it’s hard for us to believe that God really loves us and wants what’s best for us?
 - What are some specific ways your life would be different if everything you did was motivated by loving God and loving others?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this: *“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?”* [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer. ***

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*

*** Reading from different translations often helps.*