

Not Far from God's Kingdom Mark 12:28-37

The BIG Idea ... You can be _____ to God's Kingdom and not be _____ God's Kingdom.

A Scribe Asks a Question ... "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

The Scribes ...

- They are all about the _____ Law.
- They ensured that _____ the Law.
- Debated among themselves regarding the _____ of the Law.
- Identified _____ commandments in the Law.

Jesus Gives the Answer ... He is ...

- Quoting from _____—Jews refer to this as the Shema (which means, "to hear").
- Saying that there is _____.
- Teaching that the greatest command is to love God with all your _____, all your _____, all your _____, and all your _____.

Love is seeking the highest _____ of another, and in our relationship with God, that means seeking His highest _____.

- Showing that loving God and loving your neighbor _____, so "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18).

The scribe responds ...

- "You are right, Teacher. Loving God and loving your neighbor is even more important than getting all the _____ right."

Application:

- Does God have your heart?
- You know He has your heart when the sacrifices you make in loving him and obeying him and giving to him—none of it feels like sacrifice. Instead, it's a _____. It's a _____.

Jesus says, "You've answered wisely. You're _____ to the kingdom—I mean, you are really, really close, but you aren't _____."

Jesus Asks a Question

"How can the scribes say that the Christ (Messiah) is the Son of David? David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord (God, the Father) said to my Lord (God, the Son), Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'" (Psalm 110:1).

- The Messiah will be both a descendent of David (a _____) and the Lord of David (_____).
- Messiah's reign will extend to the farthest reaches of the _____—all the way into people's _____.
- "I am the Messiah—so in order to love _____, you must _____ in and _____ Me."

The Takeaway

As a follower of Jesus, God calls you to love Him with all you _____ and all you _____—and when you do, you will love your _____ as yourself. 1 John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us."