

Bible Study Questions

“Whole-hearted Devotion to God” - Mark 12:13-44

1. When Jesus used the word “image” or “likeness” in verse 16, what was he inferring? (see Genesis 1:27)
2. Does God have the right to claim complete authority over our lives? (1 Corinthians 6: 19- 20, Romans 6:13; 12:1-2). What does it look like to submit our entire life to Jesus?
3. Describe what a levirate marriage is. (See Deuteronomy 25:5- 6, Genesis 38:8)
4. What didn't the Sadducees believe? (v. 18) Why do you think they asked Jesus this question? (vv. 18-23)
5. When Jesus quoted the passage from Exodus 3:6 (v. 26) what did it reveal? What did it also reveal of the Sadducees? How should we respond when we see passages that do not conform to our own personal beliefs?
6. How was the one scribe’s attitude towards Jesus different than the Sadducees and the Pharisees?
7. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment of all? Did He use the Decalogue (10 Commandments) in His answer? (See Deuteronomy 6:4-6; Leviticus 19:18). What motivates a person to love God with all their heart and to love others as themselves? (See 1 John 3:16, 4:7-12)
8. When Jesus quoted King David (Psalm 110:1) in verse 36 who was Jesus claiming to be?
9. Discuss the contrast Jesus made when he spoke about the scribes and the poor widow in verses 38-40. What is Jesus teaching when He told us that “she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on”? How is the believer to emulate this?