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Mark 12:28-34

1. Kevin quoted in the beginning of his sermon, “Love is at the heartbeat of being human.” What does that mean for you?
2. As it was mentioned in the sermon, different religions, worldviews, and beliefs have their own understanding of love and what it means. How have you experienced or encountered this in your own life?
3. The Israelites would orient their lives around, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” Deuteronomy 6:4. Do you live out your life around this commandment, and how can this group pray for you and support you as you practice this?
4. Which of the four different parts of the Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:30), “heart, soul, strength, and mind” is the most challenging for you?
5. How does, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:28, Mark 12:31a) apply to you personally?
6. Jesus said to the scribe that, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God” (Mark 12:34a) yet that he was not yet *in* the Kingdom of God. What prohibits you from thinking or feeling that you’re fully in God’s Kingdom?
7. Kevin quoted Dallas Willard in his sermon that, “Love is not desire-it is the will of the good of others.” What does that mean to you?

8. Kevin mentioned that, "Love is the mark of spiritual maturity." How have you found this to be true for you?

9. Kevin ended his sermon with the two evils that pervade us; "Idolatry and Injustice," from loving others. What else comes up for you as you consider what you place before God?