

Alderwood Community Church
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Loving God with All Our Being

Close: The Importance of Following Jesus Closely

Mark 12:28-31

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*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these.” **Mark 12:30-31***

Big Idea: When we follow Jesus closely, loving God will be our ultimate passion and priority.

1. _____ God’s love for us. (1 John 4:10)

2. _____ to God's love for us.

**How can we grow to the place where we love God
with all our being?**

Sermon Questions:

As you prepare to study **Mark 12:28-34**, thoughtfully and prayerfully read it at least three times.

1. What do you learn about God from Jesus' words? What do you learn about people?

2. What does it mean to love God as Jesus describes here?

3. Is it possible to worship God without loving Him? Or, is it possible to love God without worshiping Him? Explain your answer.

4. Why do you think Jesus connects loving God and loving others?

5. Do you think one's love for God can change – grow weaker or stronger? Explain.

What causes a person's love for God to weaken? To grow?

If your love for God has grown, what factors contributed to that growth?

6. What can you do this week to begin to deepen your love for God?