

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



September 8, 2024

“Love God” - #1 in the series *In Good Faith: Our Love Is Our Witness*

Texts Referenced (NIV): Mark 12:28-34, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Colossians 3:17

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Imagine this scenario: Jesus is teaching those gathered around him using parables to illustrate tenets of faith when local religious leaders interrupt him with questions, hoping to cast doubt on his knowledge of the Hebrew scriptures.
 - Has anyone ever challenged your faith in a way that required you to defend it publically?
 - What do you remember most about that experience?

3. **Read Mark 12: 28-31, Deuteronomy 6:4-5.**
 - Which of the ways we are to love God - with all our heart (our choices), soul (emotion), mind (intellect), and strength (body) - might Jesus' followers that day have found most challenging?
 - Which do you find most challenging?
 - Why do you think Jesus included “with all your mind” - not mentioned in the Deuteronomy text?

4. **Read Mark 12: 32-34, Colossians 3:17.**
 - What can we learn from the final exchange between Jesus and the teacher who questioned Him about the first great commandment?
 - As you consider everything you do - even the activities of everyday living - what does it mean to do them “in the name of Jesus”?

5. How can we pray for you?