

Mark's Guide to Following Jesus

Rule of Life

Mark 12:28-34

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Jesus left His followers with a *rule of life* that should influence everything we do:

Jesus' rule of life starts with loving God completely (vs. 29-30)

You can't love God without loving your neighbor (vs. 31)

It's a personal relationship, not an impersonal ritual (vs. 32-33)

You've got it, or you don't; close is not close enough (vs. 34)

Are you living by Jesus' rule for your life or by your own?

Thoughts for discussion...

Do you understand the idiom: "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades? Discuss what this means? Do you think this principle applies to faith? Why or why not?

The biblical concept of "love" is loaded with meaning. Look up 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:7-12 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. What does it mean to love God?

Can loving God be separated from loving your neighbour? Discuss this idea.

Read Luke 10:25-37. Who is your neighbour?

Who are the people in your circle that need to experience the love of God through you?

Pray that God would give you the compassion, strength, patience and courage to love your neighbours as yourself.