

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The Crown and **Cross** of Christ

Chapter 12: The Commandments of the Cross

We study Scripture to know God, not just know about Him. God is a loving Father who has given His Word for His glory and our good so challenge yourself to read the Word everyday and read it relationally.
2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Start with prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart and mind to the Truth of Scripture and what God is revealing to you through His Word.

DAY 1

Read : Psalm 85 & Mark Chapter 12. What stands out to you? Who are the major characters in this chapter? What settings are they in? What questions do you have?

What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about man? How does it communicate the Gospel? What commands are there to follow? What sins are there to repent of? How you can apply this text to your life today? (*continue to think through these questions everyday as you read and study*)

DAY 2

Read Psalm 86 and Mark Chapter 12 from different perspectives- Jesus, the disciples, Pharisees, people Jesus is serving, etc. and answer these questions for each.

What are they doing? What were they feeling? What were their intentions or what were they intended to do?

DAY 3

Read Psalm 87, Mark Chapter 12

What attitudes and/or actions are being addressed? How should you respond? Take time to pray and ask God to help you in these areas. Share with a brother/sister in Christ and invite them to come alongside you.

DAY 4

Read Psalm 88, Mark 12:28-34

What does it mean to love (read John 14:15)? What does it mean to do that with your heart, soul, mind, and strength? Is there anything excluded? Where do you find it easy to love God? Where do you find it difficult?

The beauty is the command to love God is also an invitation to love Him with the same love we've experienced through Jesus. What are the ways that you have experienced God's love?

Who is one neighbor, who does not know Jesus, that you can love this week? How can you do that? Who will you invite in to hold you accountable? (or share with your House Church).

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DAY 5

Read the Psalm 89 and Mark 12 one more time and watch the teaching.

DAY 6

Read Psalm 90 and pray

DAY 7

Read Psalm 91 and spend time in prayer before gathering with your House Church.

Pray (after) for clarity of How the Truth of God, in Scripture, can transform your mind and life and inform your actions. Pray for your next step of obedience. Pray for your House Church. Pray for the lost in your life.

Scripture is understood in community, so read to know God and bring your understandings to your House Church. "What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up." 1 Corinthians 14:26

Resources- for more study resources, go to www.thebridgehtx.org/resources