

The Basics of Christian Discipleship Bible Study

Week Two

The Greatest Commandment – Mark 12:28-31

Step One – Read the passage through slowly, taking time to really let it sink in. Maybe even read it a second time through before you move on. Circle or underline any words or phrases that jump out at you.

Mark 12:28-31

“²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Step Two: Taking each word or phrase that jumped out at you, ask yourself:

- 1- What is happening in this story that makes these words/phrases meaningful in the story?
- 2- What is the Holy Spirit doing through *these* words in this story?

Step Three: Looking at each word/phrase and your response to each, ask yourself,

- 1- “What do I think these words/phrases say about God/Jesus?”
- 2- “What do I think these words/phrases say about the others in the story?”

Step Four: Now ask yourself:

- 1- “What do I think God is saying to me in each of these?”
- 2- “How do these words/phrases connect to each other?”
- 3- “How do these words/phrases connect to me and my life?”
- 4- “Why do I think God is speaking to me regarding this?”

Step Five: Pray, asking God to show you how you should respond to these insights from your study today.

Step Six: Make yourself a little note or reminder of some sort to help you work on this for the rest of the week.

Step Seven: Put the reminder in a place that will help you remember your discipline of working on this insight, like:

- 1- The Refrigerator door
- 2- Car dashboard
- 3- Bathroom mirror
- 4- Nightstand
- 5- Cellphone cover
- 6- Anywhere that will help you in your practice of your discipline.