6. How was this teacher's attitude different from that of many others whose questions to Jesus are recorded in the Book of Mark?

7. The teacher not only endorses Jesus' answer, he takes it a step further. What are some contemporary examples of burnt offerings and sacrifices?

8. How did Jesus evaluate the teacher's response to Him (12:34)? Is this a complement, a warning, or both? What further response do you sense Jesus is longing for from the man?

9. How would you characterize yourself? Are you "near to the kingdom of God" but not in it? What needs to occur for you to enter in?

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

"Jesus Wants All of You for All of Life"
Mark 12:28-34
November 8, 2026

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 11-08-2026

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Getting Started:

1. What do you see as the most powerful motivations in people's lives around you?

Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 12:18-27.

2. What significant question did the teacher of the law pose to Jesus (12:28)? What do you think motivated the teacher to question Jesus?

3. What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? What do you think it means to "love your neighbor as yourself"?

4. How do each of the Ten Commandments relate to these two commandments?

5. If you were to evaluate your daily activities on the basis of love for God and neighbor, how would you fare? Explain.