

WEEK 2
LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

Jesus shows us love is worth repeating.

BIBLE

Mark 12:28–34; Colossians 3:12–14; John 3:16

ABOUT THIS WEEK

If you searched for a love playlist on Spotify, you'd end up with thousands of results, but which would be the best one to listen to? This week, we'll hear a story about a man who wanted to know which rules to listen to and follow first. In his response focused on love, **Jesus shows us love is worth repeating.**

WHAT?

It's easy for us to pick out the songs we love. When we love music, we tend to listen to it on repeat. What if we thought about how we cared for the people around us similarly? What can we repeatedly do for our friends, family, and people around us to show them we care about them?

SO WHAT?

In Mark 12, Jesus talked about something we can all do—love. He tells a religious scholar—who would have known the Old Testament rules and laws very well—that loving your neighbor is intricately connected to loving God. Jesus is saying they are two sides of the same coin. You can't do one without doing the other. Jesus says that to be faithful to God, there are two things worth repeating in every aspect of your life: loving God and loving Others.

Paul helps us see in Colossians 3 that as we turn from our old way of living, God gives us a love that binds and holds together things like compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. On top of that, love includes forgiveness and the idea of bearing with each other, a way of making space for opinions and ways of seeing the world grow and change. Paul is showing us ways of treating each other that we can do with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength for everyone we come in contact with because he understood that **Jesus shows us love is worth repeating.**

NOW WHAT?

Here are a few ways that you can do what Jesus did this week.

- **RECEIVE JESUS' LOVE FOR YOU:** Talk to a leader here today if you want to understand what it means to receive Jesus' love into your life and let it change how you relate with God yourself and others.
- **LOOK AT WHAT JESUS DID:** If you are wondering how Jesus would treat someone and are unfamiliar, pick up a Bible and read about it in the book of Mark. If you sat down and focused on it, you could read about an entire story about how Jesus treated others in about 90 minutes.
- **FOCUS ON OTHERS:** The love Jesus talks about is a choice to seek the well-being of people other than yourself. God's sacrificial love never changes, but it does adapt depending on the circumstance. Customize the way you love others in a way they can receive it this week.

You can pay attention to the ways people understand love. Get to know them better and hear what it may look like to them to love them well because Jesus shows us love is worth repeating.