

Sunday Sermon Questions • 10/12/2025

Mark 12:18–34

When Belief Meets Motive

Question: The Sadducees asked a theological question with a hidden agenda. How can we examine our own motives when we question or debate spiritual matters? Do we seek truth—or to defend our own position?

Living for Now or Living for Forever?

Question: The Sadducees didn't believe in life after death, which shaped their priorities. How does belief in eternity shape our decisions, values, and pursuit of God today?

Head Knowledge vs. Heart Obedience

The scribe knew the greatest commandments, yet Jesus said he was "not far from the kingdom." What's the difference between knowing God's commands and truly living them out?

Love Over Religion

Question: The scribe acknowledged that loving God and others is "more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." In today's terms, how might we be tempted to replace love with religious activity or routine?

Being Correct, Yet Still Lost

Question: What warning can we take from someone who agreed with Jesus and understood truth, yet still wasn't fully in the kingdom? What stands in the way of moving from agreement to surrender?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, reveal where my understanding is shallow and my love is conditional. Teach me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others as You have loved me. Give me courage to live out these commandments, not just in words, but in action. Amen.