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Study Questions
The Good News About Jesus According to Mark
Give to God What is God's
Mark 12:13-44
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Opening Discussion

1. If you do not live the truth do you really believe it? Why or why not?
2. List 5 things you believe to be true of God. What are the implications to our lives if we truly believe these things are true of God? What in our daily lives would reveal we don't really believe these things are true of God?

Bible Study

1. Read Mark 12:13-17. What are the implications to Jesus' statement in verse 17? What belongs to "Caesar" and what belongs to God?
2. Read Mark 12:18-27. Read Deut. 25:5,6 for background information to the Sadducees question. What two mistakes do the Sadducees make? Are we ever guilty of making the same two mistakes? How do these mistakes affect our daily lives?
3. Read Mark 12:28-34. What is the foremost and second command? Compare Galatians 5:14. Can you love God without practically loving your neighbor? Why or why not? If you love God with all you are and all you have are other rules and restrictions necessary? Why or why not? The need for more and more rules indicates a lack of what?
4. Why did Jesus tell the Scribe he was not "far from the kingdom of God?" How was this Scribe different from the other religious leaders Jesus encountered?
5. Read Mark 12:35-37. What was the answer to Jesus' question from Psalm 110:1? How does this tie in the previous discussions from 12:13-24?
6. Read Mark 12:38-40. Rather than rendering to God what is God's and loving Jesus with all they had, the religious leaders were using God to exalt themselves. They were rendering to themselves what belongs to God. In what ways does this still happen today? What is the proper way to respond to a spiritual leader and how should that spiritual leader respond to his/her role?
7. Read Mark 12:41-44. What was the difference between the religious leaders and the widow? What is the point Jesus is trying to make with His disciples?

8. Summarize from 12:13-44 what Mark was trying to teach us about Jesus and our response to Him.

Application

1. How are you doing keeping the first and second command? What practical things can you do to grow in your obedience to these commands?
2. What are three specific “dangers” we need to beware of from this text in Mark?
3. What is the only right response to Jesus as God who came in the flesh? Are there any areas of your life you are holding back from Jesus? Why? What will be necessary for you to surrender that area to Him?