

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Mark 12:19-37

Session Summary

The Saducees were doing everything they could to discredit Jesus by asking questions meant to trip Him up. The first question they asked Jesus was about marriage and the afterlife. Jesus explained that there will be no marriage in heaven, because the resurrection doesn't mean a continuation of what we see here and now but a whole re-creation—all things made new. The Saducees also asked Jesus to clarify the most important commandment (referring to the Old Testament Law). But, Jesus upended the entire Pharisaical system with this answer: we don't obey to earn God's love, but we love God and others because He first loved us

Conversation Questions

- What do you think of when you think of the afterlife?
- How does knowing that Jesus will make all things new one day encourage you today?
- What does it look like for us to love God with all of our hearts, souls, and strength?
- Why is loving others an indication of our love for God?

Family Challenge

We can always do a better job at loving our neighbors. Write down five people (neighbors, friends, teammates, co-workers) below and come up with ways your family can actively love them this week. You could invite them over for dinner, write them some encouraging notes, or serve them in a unique way.

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