

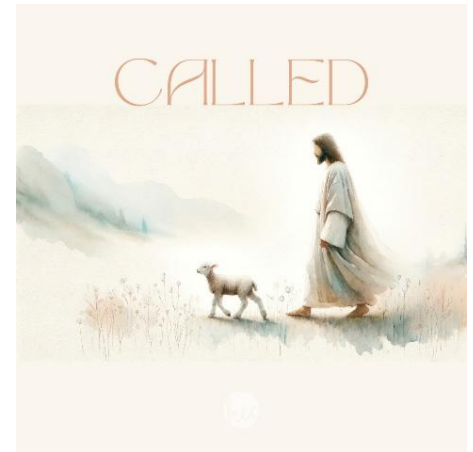
# Life Group Study Notes

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Sermon:** “The Two Most Important Tasks”

**Speaker:** Brigitte Crowe

**Scriptures:** Mark 12:28-34



## Scripture Questions:

1. V18. Do you sense that this Teacher of the Law came not with a trick question but with a genuine question. Why?
2. Of all the commandments which is the most important? Why do you think that Jesus links loving God and loving your neighbour as a single response?
3. What does it mean to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? Is this possible?
4. V32. What was the teacher of law's response to Jesus's answer? Why did he say that love is more important than burnt offerings and sacrifices. 1 Samuel 15:22. Hosea 6:6. Micah 6:8.
5. V34. What was Jesus's response to his wise answer? What did Jesus mean by saying “you are not far from the Kingdom of God”?
6. Can we be “not far from the Kingdom of God”, but not actually in it? How can we be sure we are in his Kingdom?
7. Could the answer to Q6 be following the 2 commandments mentioned here by Jesus, or is received from above, not by good things we do? John 3:3. Titus 3:5-7. Can good religious duties, sometimes mask a lack of true devotion?

## Personal Questions:

- Which of the four areas of Loving God do you find the most challenging, Heart, Soul, Mind or Strength?
- What is a practical way you can show love to a neighbour who is difficult to like?
- Have you made the decision to be included in “the Kingdom of God”?

## Prayer:

Our wonderful Father God. We thank You for reminding us that the two most important commandments are to Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And the second is to love your neighbour as yourself. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that Your love naturally overflows into how we treat our neighbours, especially those who are difficult to love. Protect us from just being “not far from Your Kingdom”, but to bring us into your Kingdom, by leading us into total surrender to Your Son, Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.