



Love God  
Love Self  
Love Others

### **The Gospel of Mark 12**

*Sunday Sermon Scripture: Mark 12:28-34*

**“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”**

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