

Life Groups – w/b 13 September 2026

Give Him Your Heart

Mark 12:28-30, Deuteronomy 6: 4-7

Icebreaker

What is something you really love doing, and what is it about it that captures your heart?

Sunday recap – Give Him Your Heart

Jesus tells us that the most important thing is to **love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength** – and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The challenge is that **our hearts are wayward**. Our hearts are always looking for something to love, trust, worship and build our lives around. We can become distracted, divided or deceived, giving parts of our hearts to other things.

But the good news is that **our hearts belong to Jesus**. The Holy Spirit awakens our hearts to Jesus and gives us a heart for God. We encounter God not simply to have an experience, but **so that we can love him and live for him**.

And the invitation is **today**: our hearts can be surrendered to Jesus. He doesn't want just a piece of our heart – **he wants all of it**.

Read – Mark 12:28-30

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

Discuss

1. Look at the person asking Jesus the question.

Why do you think the scribe was asking Jesus, **"What is the most important commandment?"** What might have been happening in his heart and mind? What do you imagine had **captured his heart and imagination**?

What does his question reveal about someone who is genuinely searching for what matters most?

2. What stands out to you in Jesus' answer – particularly the words **"with all your heart, soul, mind and strength"**?

3. When have you experienced an **encounter with God** that awakened or deepened your love for him?

4. What things can easily **capture or divide your heart** – things you love, trust, worship or try to control?

5. What would it look like today to give Jesus your heart? Is there something you need to surrender to him – a fear, ambition, relationship, disappointment, desire or area of control?

Pray

Take a moment to be still and ask:

"Jesus, what has my heart – and what are you inviting me to surrender to you today?"

Then pray for one another, asking the Holy Spirit to **turn our hearts towards Jesus** and give us a deeper heart for God.