

Bible Study Questions

The God of the Living – Mark 12:18-27

Focus

God has revealed Himself both in Scripture and in the powerful resurrection of Jesus from the dead that He is the God of the living. Therefore those who put their trust in Him can be assured of a future resurrection and the fullness of life in the presence of King Jesus.

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[Mark 12:18-27](#)

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As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

1. What has been a common theme in this section of Mark's Gospel going back to 11:27?
2. Who are the Sadducees and what do you know about some of their beliefs?
3. The question from the Sadducees refers to a legitimate teaching from Moses in Deuteronomy 25:5-6. But in what way is their question a trick question and one that is ultimately reflective of their own lack of belief in the resurrection from the dead?
4. What's wrongly assumed about the continuity between this life and the afterlife in the question from the Sadducees?
5. What two things does Jesus say the Sadducees have failed to understand?
6. What is Jesus' point about marriage and the afterlife?
7. What does Jesus mean that we will be 'like angels'? What doesn't He mean?

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8. What is the logic of Jesus' point in quoting Exodus 3:6? What's so powerful about the truth communicated in this verse?

9. Why would the quotation from Exodus have been particularly forceful given what the Sadducees believed about Scripture?

Closing Reflection and Application

10. Verse 24 is quite an indictment. In what way is a failure to know the Scriptures as well as to know the power of God the root of so many errors and struggles in life?

11. How well would you say that you know both the Scriptures and the power of God in your life? What does that knowledge actually look like in your life?

12. It's a common misconception that the Old Testament teaches very little about the resurrection. How do the following passages point us to its truth – Gen 5:24, Isa 26:19; Ezekiel 37; Dan 12:2; Ps 16:10-11, Ps 73:23?

13. What do you learn about the power of God from this passage? How will you respond to Him?

14. Jesus' argument in verse 27 hinges on the tense of a verb. What does this say about the accuracy of the Bible? What does it teach us about studying the Word closely?

15. What are some of the things that people you know believe about the afterlife? Why do you think that a belief in life after death continues to be the belief of even so many secular people?

16. While Mark's record of Jesus' teaching doesn't necessarily make this point, Luke's record is explicit that there will be no marrying or giving of marriage in heaven (Luke 20:35). What's your reaction to that?

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17. What are some mistaken ideas about what heaven will be like that Christians sometimes promote?

18. Some people are indifferent about heaven because they think it will be boring. How would you respond to that attitude?

19. To reflect more on what heaven and our bodies in heaven will be like compared to our experience now, read 1 Corinthians 15 and then thank God for all that He has done for us in Jesus and His resurrection.