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# Tuesday Bible Study

## Week 13

Mark 12:28-13:37

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1. How would you describe Jesus' interaction with the Scribe in Mark 12:28-34? How is this similar and different to his interactions with other individuals? (For example, compare the Gerasene Demoniac in Mark 5:1-20, the Syrophenician Woman in Mark 7:24-30, and the rich young man in Mark 10:17-22).
  - a. Bonus: Use your imagination. What do you think happens to this Scribe? Where is he and what role does he play as the rest of the events in the last week of Jesus' life, and of his death, unfold?
  
2. Have you ever had a change of heart about someone you initially pre-judged after having a conversation or other interaction with them? What was the experience like?
  
3. Jesus uses scripture to challenge people's assumptions about him (Mark 12:35-37). Are there parts of scripture that have challenged your assumptions about God or the world? How do you work through them to draw closer to God and neighbor?

4. What sorts of things do we do that we might gain the notice and approval of others?  
What can we learn from the contrast between the Scribes and the Widow (Mark 12:38-44)?
  
5. Remember the context of the early Christian community which would have read/heard Mark's gospel. How might Jesus' discourse in Mark 13:9-13 been a comfort to this community?
  
6. Jesus urges patience in the face of persecution and suffering Mark 13:13. What spiritual challenges do you have that require patience? How do you depend on God for patience and endurance in struggle?
  
7. What do you make of Jesus's statement in Mark 13:31? How does it make you feel?  
How is this good news?
  - a. Are there things in your life that need to "pass away" so that you can more fully trust Christ's words?
  
8. Jesus says that we are like servants who are put in charge while the Master is away (Mark 13:34) each with work to do. What work do we have to do (as individuals and as the Church) while we await Christ's return in glory?