

## **ALL THAT MATTERS**

As preached on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Read:** Mark 12:28-34

1. This week's scene opens with a Teacher of the Law approaching Jesus to ask him a question. Does this religious official seem sincere or do you think he is also trying to trap Jesus? Why?
2. What question does he ask Jesus and why do you think he asks it? Is he looking for a loophole to avoid obedience to the whole Law?
3. Jesus begins his answer with "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One." What is this statement and why do you think he uses it?
4. Where does the command Jesus offers in v.30 come from? What is the significance of the mention of heart, soul, mind, and strength?
5. Where does the command Jesus offers in v.31 come from? What do you think it looks like to obey this command? Who qualifies as our "neighbor"?
6. In what way might the second command Jesus offers serve as a corrective to the first?
7. Jesus says, "There is no commandment greater than these." What do you think he means?
8. How well do you think Christians are doing at living out these two commandments in our world today? How might we improve overall? How might we improve at FHPC?