




Answer the King: *Have You Not Read?*

Discussion Questions

Date: October 6, 2019 | **Scripture:** Mark 12:18-27

1. Read Mark 12:18-27. What stands out to you?
2. Has there been a time in your spiritual journey when your questions about Christianity were not sincere but were intended to dismiss and embarrass those who believed? What were some of those questions? Where do we see this in our culture today?
3. This account in Mark contains many details that seem strange to us in the 21st century. Are there any resources that have personally helped you in making sense of some of the historical context of the Bible?
4. Jesus points out that the Sadducees had arrived at some wrong assumptions about the afterlife and about God. What were they? Although we may have difficulty understanding what heaven will be like and about the nature of God, why is it important to submit our understanding and imaginations to God and the Scriptures?
5. In listening to people's questions about Christianity, it is important for us not to rush to an answer, but rather to discern to what is behind their questions—motives, emotions, hurt, etc. In your spiritual journey, what was behind your questions to faith? How did Jesus meet you in those places?
6. Jesus rebuked the Sadducees for not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God. Has your approach to the Word of God become stale? What can we do this week to recapture the wonder of reading the Bible? How can we encourage one another in this endeavor?



Father, create in us
a hunger for your
ord. Strengthen
our desire to want
to read the
Scriptures and
experience your
power.