- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Mark 12:28-34 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Which of the Ten Commandments do you consider the most important? Why?
- 5) Books and movies often tell us that love is the supreme virtue. How does their definition of love often fall short of the Bible's emphasis?
- 6) Why is it important that God is "One"? Why did this cause the Jews to resist Jesus' claims to be divine?
- 7) In what way is the command to love God completely more difficult than the Ten Commandments?
- 8) What do "heart, soul, mind, and strength" represent individually and collectively?
- 9) How is obedience to these two great commands different from observance of religious ritual?
- 10) What is the connection between these two great commands?
- 11) How was Jesus an example of absolute love for God? How was He an example of perfect love for His neighbor?
- 12) Do you feel prepared to share the gospel with someone else? What do you need to do to be more prepared?
- 13) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

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