

God of the Living
Mark 12:18-27

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What are some the most common ideas about “life after death” in our culture? How is the afterlife commonly portrayed in pop culture and the media?
- Read *Mark 12:18-27*. Given the background of Deuteronomy 25:5-10 and the Sadducees’ denial of resurrection, how are they setting a rhetorical trap for Jesus? What do they gain if they succeed in trapping Jesus?
- What false assumptions have the Sadducees made about marriage and about resurrection? How are similar assumptions still made today?
- How does Jesus reveal the Sadducees’ ignorance of both the Scriptures and God’s power? How does the quote of Exodus 3:6 point to resurrection? What do they fail to understand?
- What common misunderstandings about the resurrection, marriage, and even angels continue today because people do not know the Scriptures and the power of God?
- In what ways can or does the promise of resurrection give you “strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow”?
- How can you avoid errors and grow in your knowledge of the Scriptures and the power of God? What is a concrete and practical way for you to do that this week? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *What do you think happens after we die?* Read Mark 12:18-27. Ask: *How do the religious leaders, called Sadducees, try to trick Jesus? What does Jesus say the Sadducees don’t understand? How will people be like angels when they’re resurrected, and how will they be different? Why should we be excited about the resurrection?*

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.