

Read Mark 11:1-11, 15:13-14, & Zech 9:9 Monday, 10/26/09

Look: Why is Jesus' arrival on a borrowed donkey so important to the narrative of Mark's gospel? _____

Look: What details stand out to you as important in the story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem? _____

Apply: How can you make sure that you don't praise Jesus one day and curse Him another (like the crowd in Mark)? _____

Read Mark 11:12-25 Tuesday, 10/27/09

Look: What is the connection between the fig-tree story and Jesus clearing the temple? _____

Look: Make three observations about Jesus from this passage that surprise you: _____

Apply: In what areas of your prayer life have you lost faith that God can and will answer you? _____

Read Isaiah 56:1-8 Wednesday, 10/28/09

Look: Make four observations that show God's heart for all the nations, not just Israel: _____

Look: Why do you think Israel refused (as we do) to take their role as a light to the nations seriously? _____

Apply: How does Jesus' death on the cross help us reach the nations in a way that the temple could not? _____

Read John 15:1-17 Thursday, 10/29/09

Look: According to this passage, what are the keys to bearing fruit for the kingdom of God? _____

Look: What does this passage say our motivation for bearing fruit should be? _____

Apply: How would you evaluate your connection to the vine on a scale from 1 (disconnected) to 10 (connected)? Explain. _____

Read Jeremiah 7:1-11 Friday, 10/30/09

Look: How is Jesus' rebuke of the temple authorities similar to Jeremiah's prophetic message in Jeremiah 7? _____

Look: Summarize the message of Jeremiah 7 into one sentence (in your own words): _____

Apply: In what ways are you likely to misuse worship for personal purposes rather than for God's purposes? _____

Read Mark 11:1-25 Saturday, 10/31/09

Look: After studying all week, what do you think is the main point of this passage? _____

Look: How can a lack of forgiveness keep us from being fruitful for the kingdom of God? _____

Apply: What are your personal barriers to bearing fruit for God? _____

RealLife-Group Discussion Guide

Getting Started:

- (1) Where have you traveled outside the United States? How did it impact your worldview?
- (2) Why is it so hard for peoples of different nations and races to get along with each other?

Read Mark 11:1-25 together.

Getting Deep:

- (1) What do we learn about Jesus in this week's text that challenges our preconceptions about Him?
- (2) Take note of **all the different groups** in Mark 11:1-25. How do they each respond to Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem?
- (3) What is the connection between great faith and great forgiveness (especially in the context of prayer)?
- (4) Jesus quotes Isaiah 56:7 in explaining his actions in the temple. What does this tell us about the source of his anger?

Getting Real:

- (1) In what ways are you likely to give God lip-service even though your heart is far from Him?
- (2) When you come to God in prayer, what do you struggle with more – faith in Him or forgiveness of others?
- (3) How should the gospel of Jesus Christ change the way we see people of other races and ethnicities and people groups?
- (4) What does God want you to take away from this week's study?



DISCIPLE

THE BOOK OF MARK

Kingdom Fruit

Mark 11:1-25

Some History:

Some Context:

The Calling:

Unhelpful:

- 1) _____ devotion (11:8-10)
- 2) Self-serving _____ (11:15-16)

Helpful:

- 1) Prayers full of _____ (11.22)
- 2) Prayers full of _____ (11.25)

So What?