

Read Mark 11:27-33 & 2:1-12 **Monday, 11/2/09**

Look: What clues in Mark 11:27-33 show the reader that the Jewish authorities had wrong motives in questioning Jesus? _____

Look: How does the questioning of Jesus' authority in Mark 2 compare with the scene in Mark 11:27-33? _____

Apply: What would it look like today for you to live joyfully under the authority of Jesus (give specifics)? _____

Read Mark 12:1-12 **Tuesday, 11/3/09**

Look: Write down all the characters in Jesus' parable and who they represent in the narrative of Mark: _____

Look: Summarize in your own words the major point of Jesus' parable in Mark 12:1-12: _____

Apply: How can you make sure that you don't reject the messages that the Holy Spirit brings into your life? _____

Read Psalm 118:1-29 **Wednesday, 11/4/09**

Look: What is the psalmist thanking God for in the words of this psalm? _____

Look: The early church understood Psalm 118 to be a Messianic psalm. What Messianic references do you see? _____

Apply: When you reflect on the work of God in Jesus Christ, what are you most thankful for? _____

Read Isaiah 5:1-7 **Thursday, 11/5/09**

Look: What has Judah done that has demonstrated their lack of gratefulness toward God? _____

Look: How is Jesus' parable in Mark 12:1-12 similar and different from Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 5:1-7? _____

Apply: In what ways are you like the nation of Israel described in Isaiah 5? _____

Read Mark 12:13-17 & Psalm 24:1-10 **Friday, 11/6/09**

Look: If you were trying to communicate Jesus' command in 12:17 to a child, how would you explain it? _____

Look: In Psalm 24, what are the ramifications of the fact that God owns the earth and everything in it? _____

Apply: What can you do today to show God that you recognize that you are the steward and He is the owner? _____

Read Mark 12:18-27 **Saturday, 11/7/09**

Look: How does Jesus' response to the Sadducees show their lack of understanding of God's Word? _____

Look: Why is belief in a personal bodily resurrection so important to Jesus and so important to the Christian faith? _____

Apply: How do we let unanswerable hypothetical questions keep us from following hard after Jesus? _____

RealLife-Group Discussion Guide

Getting Started:

- (1) Who has God used as a Messenger in your life to point you toward Him and teach you the truth?
- (2) What has God said to you during your time in the Word with Him this week and how are you responding to it?

Read Mark 11:17-12:27 together.

Getting Deep:

- (1) What has Jesus been doing and teaching throughout Mark that makes everyone question His authority?
- (2) Why do you think so many people today recognize Jesus as a great teacher but fail to bow before Him as Lord?
- (3) What are the ramifications of Jesus' teaching in Mark 12:17 for Christians who live in countries with corrupt governments?
- (4) What part of this week's passage challenged you the most? How did it speak to you?

Getting Real:

- (1) Of the three different challenges to Jesus' authority in this week's passage, which one do you most struggle with?
- (2) What can we do as Christians to make sure that we don't reject God's messengers as Israel did? Get specific.
- (3) How does the gospel of Jesus Christ change the way we understand and relate to the authority of God?
- (4) What does God want you to take away from this week's study?



DISCIPLE

THE BOOK OF MARK

The Final Messenger

Mark 11:27-12:27

The Parable of the Tenants (12:1-12):

We have _____ God's messengers throughout history.

Jesus identity as God's messenger:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

How do we reject Jesus as God's ultimate Messenger?

- 1) We challenge His authority as _____. (11:27-33)
- 2) We challenge His authority as _____. (12:13-17)
- 3) We challenge His authority as _____. (12:18-27)

Why do we challenge His authority in these ways?

His authority is _____.

What hope do we have?