

The Heart of the Matter

12. How is Jesus the ultimate authority in your life?

13. What can we do to welcome Jesus into our lives in an ongoing way?

14. In what ways is Jesus the cornerstone/capstone in your life? In what ways is He not?

15. What are you giving to “Caesar”? What do you need to give to God? What is preventing you from giving to God that which belongs to Him?

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Life Group Study Guide

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The Ultimate Authority Mark 11:27 - 12:17 For the Week of February 12, 2017

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. If you owned a garden or an orchard, what would you grow?
3. If you had to entrust your business or belongings to someone outside your family, whom would you choose? Why?

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Digging Deeper

4. In Mark 11:27-28 why were the religious leaders of the day concerned about authority?

5. With the question that was asked of Jesus in 11:28, what dilemma was being posed to Jesus? Why doesn't He answer them directly?

6. In Mark 11:29 how did Jesus turn the tables on these religious rulers? What was the nature of the dilemma that Jesus presented to them? What was the final outcome in Mark 11:31-33?

7. In Mark 12:1-9 what does the vineyard represent? Who is the owner? The son? Who are the tenants? The servants? The "others"? What was Jesus prophesying by telling this parable?

8. How does the Scripture quoted by Jesus in Mark 12:10 relate to the parable? (Psalm 118:22-23) Who is the cornerstone/capstone? How does this parable answer the question about Jesus' authority? (Mark 11:28)

9. In Mark 12:13 why was the partnership of the Pharisees and Herodians so strange? Hint: The Herodians were the descendants of the Idumeans (Edom), the descendants of Esau. (Genesis 36:8)

10. In Mark 12:13-15 what was so dangerous about this trap that was being set for Jesus? How did these men try to flatter Jesus before they asked their question? Was their flattery effective?

11. Why was Jesus' response in Mark 12:15-17 such a fantastic response? How did everyone react to how Jesus responded? How would you have reacted if you had been there?