

Connect Group Sermon-Based Questions

Meetings September 24th – 30th

Mark 11:15-33

1. If you jump in to chapter 11 on verse 15, it seems that Jesus's response to those buying and selling animals was a knee-jerk reaction. What in the beginning verses of chapter 11 would lead you to believe otherwise? Do you see any significance in the timing of Jesus' response?
2. Jesus called the temple a "den of thieves". What do you think he meant by this phrase. How can we ensure that Coastline doesn't follow the way of this temple?
3. On the surface, there seemed to be a disconnect between Peter and Jesus in verses 20-25. What did Jesus's response have to do with the cursed fig tree? What can we learn about prayer in these verses.
4. Some interpret Mark 11: 24 to mean, 'If you pray hard enough and really believe, God is obligated to answer your prayer no matter what you ask.' What do you think Jesus meant? How is forgiveness associated with prayer according to Jesus?
5. How did Jesus's question about the baptism of John answer the question of the chief priests, scribes and elders? What did their response to Jesus expose?

