

Mark 11

What do you praise?

What are the barriers to praise?

- Fear
- Comparison
- Unworthiness
- Doubt

Right King, wrong kingdom.

A King with all the authority.

Action Steps:

Do I have anything that needs to be overturned or driven out because it is making it hard for people to see God?

Where do I need to claim authority in Jesus' name in my life?

***My response: In light of what I have learned today, what do I need to do to obey God?***

## Life Group Questions Digging Deeper: Mark 11.

Read Mark 11:1-12.

What does Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem teach us about His view of kingship and authority?

*The barren fig tree is an illustration of the reality of Israel's worship. They were mired in ceremonial, religious legalism that gave the notion of satisfying the hungry heart but when the people got up to it there was nothing to satisfy. If your tree (your life) was looked at, what fruit would people find?*

Read Mark 11:23-25

Why does Jesus emphasize forgiveness when teaching about prayer?

*Jesus creates a strong link between the absence of prayer in the temple (see Mark 11: 17) and begins to give instruction to his disciples on how they can become a community of prayer. However, if all you use is this passage as God's instruction to us on prayer then it will be incomplete. Below are some of the many passages on prayer. Write down what you discover:*

1 John 5:13-15

Mark 14:32-36

Luke 18:1-8

Matthew 6:5-16

James 4:2-3

Philippians 4:6-7

***\*Remember, prayer is simply talking with God and through our relationship with him we can ask him about anything and trust him completely for the right response.***

*During the time of Jesus, faith and religion had been turned into something very different than what God intended. What do the following verses tell us about what authentic faith looks like?*

Isaiah 1:13-17

| Micah 6:6-8

| James 1:26-27