



Jesus Saves...

So have

Faith in Him as King

Mark 11:12-25 – April 9, 2017

Life Group & Personal Bible Study

This guide, based on Sunday's sermon, provides additional study and reflection for both Life Group discussion and personal enrichment. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a conversational resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your Life Group experience or personal time with the Lord.

1) Focus: Think back to your experiences with an earthquake or how you might feel if you experienced an earthquake. Why are some people unnerved? Why is this natural phenomenon different from others?

What might be other quakes in life that could rock people's emotional or spiritual foundations? If you're up to it, maybe share a personal 'quake' you have experienced and how this has affected you.

2) Reflect: Read Mark 11:12-25 again and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

What do you think Jesus was seeking to teach through the living parables of the cursed fig tree and the cleansing of the temple?

What do you understand the point to be of the box object lesson Mike used?

3) Dig Deeper: Faith in Jesus of the Bible produces a fruitful life.

- How can a misunderstanding of who Jesus is and His purpose lead to crushed faith? Mark 10:17-27 will help.
- Look up the following verses about faith and discuss: 1 John 5:5, John 6:35, John 7:38, 2 Corinthians 5:7
- How do we gain a faith in the biblical Jesus? John 20:31 will help.

4) King Jesus! Is He your King? How do you know? What are the characteristics of a person under the authority of Jesus? John 10:22-27 will help.

5) Let Jesus Reign.

How will you grow in your faith? Look up 2 Peter 1:5-10 and discuss the challenges given and each quality to practice: goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness.

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Answers to Sunday's "fill in the blanks" & other Bible verses

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Introductory Notes:

John 10:10

Mark 8:31

This event is also recorded in Mathew 21:18-22

The cleansing of the temple is found also in Luke 19:45-47, John 2:13-16

Fruitless Faith vs12-20

*** In the old Testament Israel is often referred to as fig tree. Jeremiah 8:13, Hosea 9:10 & 16, Joel 1:7*

Psalm 118:25-26

Isaiah 53:1-12

Galatians 5:22-23

Psalm 145:3

Faith that Stands Firm vs20-25

Matthew 11:28

Mark 5

Going Deeper: If you would like to go deeper and take this study to a greater application, feel free to complement this series with the book *The Art of Neighboring* by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon, using the questions in the back of each chapter as well. Each Life Group leader has more information. Last week's was complemented with chapter 10 and this week check out chapter 12.