

Adult Sunday School – The Gospel of Mark  
Small Group Questions for March 6, 2022

1. Discuss the emotionalism and excitement of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. What were the people proclaiming that day? What were their expectations of the Messiah? How can you relate to those expectations today?
2. What is your reaction to Jesus cursing the fig tree? What are the connections between his judgement of the fig tree and his judgement of the temple authorities?
3. Jesus demonstrated that he was not concerned with the external appearance of things. He was looking for the fruit of a faithful life. How are you inviting Jesus to prune your life this Lenten season so that you may bear more fruit?
4. Jesus taught his disciples a lesson about the withered fig tree and exhorted them to have faith in God, to pray in faith and belief, and when praying to forgive anyone whom you hold anything against. How does his teaching fit into the context of Mark 11? In what ways are you challenged or exhorted by these words today?
5. There were two responses to the authority of Jesus. The religious leaders took offense and sought to destroy Jesus while the crowds were astonished at his teaching. We, too, must respond to the authority of Christ. We can resist him and continue to walk in our own will and way or we can surrender to his words and choose lives of obedience. Which of these responses best describes you today?