

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Matthew 21-23: Clash of Kingdoms - Confronting Power, Pride, and Empty Worship

Sermon: Matthew 21:23-46

Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026

1. *Read Matthew 21:23-27.* Jesus chooses to answer the religious leaders question with a question of his own, exposing the condition of their hearts. In what ways can an "idolatrous fear of man" or a desire for people-pleasing prevent us from fully submitting to the authority of Jesus in our lives?
2. Why is it that we sometimes approach God's Word looking for "loopholes" to justify our lifestyle rather than sincerely seeking the truth?
3. *Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"* How does the culture's advice to trust and follow your heart clash with the biblical call to live under the "gracious, loving, and perfect authority of King Jesus"?

