
Read Mark 11:27-28

1. Why would Jesus' "lack" of qualifications be of concern?
2. Are the Pharisees/religious leaders questions valid?

Read Mark 11:29-33

3. What is intriguing about Jesus' response to the religious leaders?

Read Mark 12:1-5

4. What is a Parable?
5. What historical references is Jesus pointing to through this parable?
6. How do we often bend/twist/omit the authority of scripture to fit our desires?
7. How does this ultimately place us as the authority instead of God and His word?

Read Mark 12:6-9

8. What is Jesus specifically foreshadowing in these verses?
9. How is the glorious truth of the Gospel being communicated even in such a parable as this one?

Read Mark 12:10-12

10. What does Jesus' rebuke using scripture reveal about his authority?
11. What was the religious leader's response to this rebuke?

Read Mark 12:13-17

12. What overarching principle is Jesus communicating here?
13. Whose authority is your life really under? Sure, it's easy to say God's, but is it really. When you're alone and no one is around are you truly submitting to God's authority in your life?

In closing, spend some time praying with your group about submission to the authority of God and His word. Pray that you first and foremost give God the rightful place in your lives. Pray for each other that Christ would be exalted overall. Then practically discuss what it looks like to live a life submitted to His authority.