

TALK IT OVER

sermon discussion

DATE: August 10, 2025

SERIES: ROYAL RUMBLE

TITLE: Wk 3 - Jesus vs Sanhedrin

MAIN PASSAGE: Mark 11:27-12:12

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a sibling, classmate or coworker try to act like they were in charge, how did you respond? What's your gut reaction when someone acts like they have authority, but you're not sure they do?
2. In Mark 11:28, the chief priests ask Jesus, "By what authority are you doing these things?" What motivated their question—humble curiosity or defensive control? How can we discern when questioning authority is an act of wisdom versus rebellion?
3. In Mark 12:10, Jesus quotes Psalms 118: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." What do you think it means for Jesus to be the "cornerstone" of your life? In what areas do you feel aligned with Him, and where might you still be resisting His authority?
4. The parable in Mark 12:9 is a clear warning from Jesus: judgment will come to those who abuse their spiritual authority or reject the Son. Why is it important that God brings judgment in response to spiritual unfaithfulness, rebellion, or abuse? How does His judgment actually reflect His love, holiness, and goodness?
5. What does the Parable of the Tenants in Mark 12 teach us about God's patience with His people—and how should we respond when He confronts us? How does this reveal both the mercy and the justice of God? In what ways might we be resisting His correction today—and how can we cultivate a heart that responds to His patience with repentance and faithfulness?
6. The religious leaders knew the Scriptures and traditions well but still rejected Jesus. How can you guard against letting familiarity with religion or church routines keep you from genuinely following Jesus? *How can you cultivate a personal, living relationship with Jesus that goes beyond knowledge and tradition, and truly transforms your daily life?*
7. The tenants acted like they owned the vineyard, refusing to give the landowner what was rightfully his. It's a picture of how we often live—forgetting that everything we have is ultimately God's. *What areas of your life are you tempted to treat as "yours" rather than God's? How might your priorities, generosity, or use of time shift if you lived with the mindset that you are a steward, not an owner?*

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: "Have you not read this Scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'" **Mark 12:10**

NOTES FOR GROUP LEADERS:

SUGGESTED GROUP FLOW *(based on 60-75 min group meeting)*

Catch Up → Announcements → Read & Discuss Passage → Group Discussion → Prayer
5-10 min 2-3 min 10-15 min 30-40 min 15-20 min

NOTE FOR LEADER:

As we study the book of Mark, consider taking the following approach to help your group gain a greater understanding of the book, as well as apply the lessons from it. **FIRST**, read the passage from Mark (see top of previous page) aloud as a group. **SECOND**, spend some time discussing the passage. What stood out or what did you notice? What questions did you have about what you read? **THIRD**, discuss the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything that you learned, confused you, or stood out to you? **LAST**, spend some time going through the discussion questions below.

If there are no group announcements listed, take a few minutes to visit obcc.church/events to see what's coming up. Pay attention to baptism dates, next step classes, or events your group can attend together.