



This week's sermon

**The Barren Temple**

*Mark 11:12-25*

The one true God of the Bible is for every tongue,  
tribe and nation.

**Indicators of Authentic Worship:**

1. **Faith** is simply believing that God is and that He is good.
2. True **prayer** is concerned for the person and work of Jesus and not just getting our selfish desires met.
3. God's **forgiveness** is full, lasting and unspeakably glorious.

## Digging Deeper Into the Message

According to Oxford Languages the origin of our word “worship” is derived from Old English word meaning worthiness or worth-ship.

How does John 4:23-24 describe the way true worshipers worship?

What source of truth do you see in John 17:16-17 and John 14:6?

In what ways does this influence how you worship?

Do you see any need to change what you do or how you do it?

What is Jesus describing as a desire of God in Matthew 15:8-9? How do you draw near to God?

An outflow of worship in spirit and truth is found in Romans 21:1 and Hebrews 13:15-16. Rewrite these passages in your own words and reflect on it this week.

## Community Group

**Icebreaker:** If you had to sing karaoke what song would you pick?

### **Discussion Questions:**

Read the sermon text, Mark 11:12-25 and the first point on the MAP.

What encourages you about what is going on in missions (both locally and abroad)?

Read the first indicator of authentic worship.

How would you define “faith”?

What are your thoughts about the parable of the fig tree?

Read the next point, about prayer and Mark 14:36.

Jesus set the example for us, what does that encourage you to hand over to Him?

In what way do you think that faith and prayer are connected?

Read the last MAP point. Pastor Scott made the point that having the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) is related to how we are forgiven and must forgive. Tell of a time that you found freedom in forgiveness.

What other thoughts do you have about the sermon?

**Application:** Assess the 3 indicators of authentic worship in your own life. Identify one simple thing that you will do differently to live more freely in gospel truth.