

# DEEP DIVE

*Week of June 5, 2022*



## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Psalm 51:12; 118:25

Matthew 21:1–13, 18–22

Luke 19:45–47

John 2:13–17

John 15:1–8

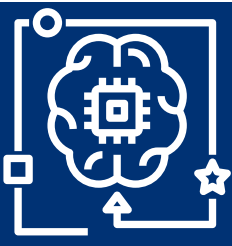
Romans 12:18

Colossians 3:12–13



## WORSHIP THROUGH STUDY

- How does time help to divide this text up into its component parts as well as link the two stories together? What are the clues?
- What is the relationship between the fig tree and the temple? What is the point of this Markan “sandwich” story?
- What is the significance of Jesus teaching about prayer after the episode in the temple? (Hint: he could have taught on any subject, so why is it prayer in particular?)
- How does forgiveness in prayer relate to bearing fruit in God’s kingdom? In other words, why does Jesus emphasize forgiveness between people here in this passage?



## WORSHIP THROUGH SCRIPTURE MEMORY

*Save us, we pray, O Lord!*

*O Lord, we pray, give us success!*

- Psalm 118:25, "Hosanna"

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRACTICE



- We talked at length about the joylessness of Christians as time goes on in their walk with Christ. When was the last time you felt a sustained season of joy and praise to God? How can you return to praising God again for his salvation/deliverance?
- What parts of your life look like the leaves of the fig tree, and what parts of your life look like the absent figs? What does it mean, for you personally, that you should bear fruit for the kingdom?
- What is one area of your life where you need to ask God for greater faith, for that mountain to be "taken up and thrown into the sea," so to speak?
- Share a time/situation when you have pursued biblical forgiveness and reconciliation (or when someone has pursued this with you). What happened and how did it bless you (or them)?