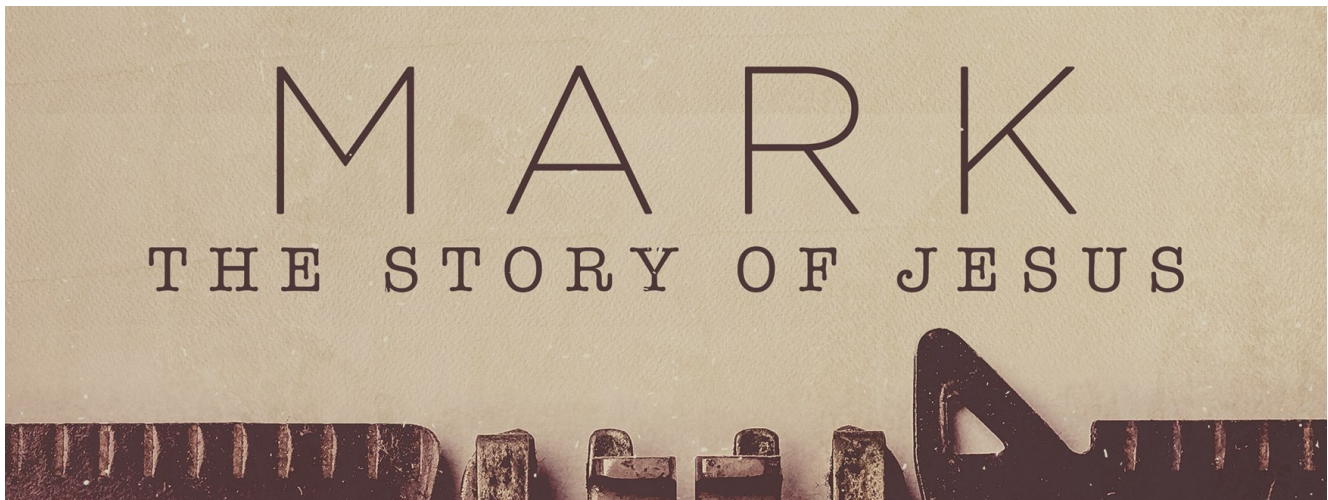


## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



*These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.*

### MESSAGE OVERVIEW

On two separate occasions in Mark 11, Jesus becomes frustrated by a lack of fruit. First, he curses a fig tree for its literal lack of fruit. Then he drives vendors and money-changers out of the temple for using it as a way to make a profit. In the same way that Jesus judged the fig tree for being all leaf and no fruit, Jesus judged Israel for being all temple and no life change. As Christians today, are we all church and no life change?

### READ MARK 11:12-21; ISAIAH 56:1-8; JEREMIAH 7:1-11

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Talk about the Isaiah and Jeremiah passages. What sort of vision does God have for how He will be worshipped in Isaiah? What sort of worship does He receive in Jeremiah? What is the significance of Jesus quoting these passages?
- What was the foundational sin of the vendors and money-changers at the temple?
- Of all that Jesus did during his life to upset the religious establishment, why do you think the temple incident was what drove people to plot his murder?

### APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

In light of what you've experienced, how are you going to be different in the future?