



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Rethink*
Message: *Rethinking*
Commitment

Scripture: *Mark 11-12*

Date: March 2 & 3, 2019

—[LET'S START]—

Pastor Dale began this week's sermon by sharing a riddle with us. How do you feel when someone tells you a riddle? Do you enjoy solving riddles or do you get frustrated by riddles?

Does anyone in our group have a great riddle for us to solve?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.
2. In Mark 12, Jesus and the religious leaders take turns sharing some riddles. Take some time to read Mark 10 as a group. Take turns reading the dialogue in the chapters. Someone read the words of Jesus, have someone else read the words of the individuals or people that Jesus interacts with. Finally, have someone else play the role of a narrator and read everything that is not dialogue.
3. What does Mark 12 teach us about Jesus? What does it teach us about individuals?
4. Pastor Dale gave us five powerful lessons from this chapter. Take the rest of your time together to talk about each one of these lessons. If you can, share some other places in the Bible that reinforce these ideas:
 - Our lives are not our own, they belong to God. He created and purchased us with His blood.
 - This church is not our church. It does not belong to the board, staff or membership. We belong to Christ. He purchased us with His blood and created this community by the power of His Spirit.
 - We therefore have no authority except that which God gives us to fulfill His purposes.
 - God's great purpose for our lives is that we love Him wholeheartedly. He wants us to love each other, especially the least of these.
 - God demonstrated how He wants us to love by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

—[LET'S ACT]—

Our challenge this week is to commit to the following statement:

By God's help I am to daily remember that my life, church, and the lives of other human beings are not my own but Christ's. I will commit daily to loving God more sincerely and loving others the way I want to be loved.

Disciples of Jesus follow Jesus, allow Jesus to change them and live on mission for Jesus. True disciples love God, love others and make disciples. Let's pray that God would help us to fall more in love with Him every day. Let's pray that God would help us to love others like He loves them. And, let's pray that God would help us to be a group that honors Him by making more disciples for Jesus Christ.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- The enemies of Jesus tried to trap and discredit Him so they could silence and get rid of Him, but it was not as easy as they thought.
- The religious leaders had encroached on God's property and were treating it like it was their own.
- The religious elite refused to solve Jesus' riddle about the Messiah and instead chose to live in denial.
- Jesus in essence is accusing the religious leaders of loving themselves and using the Temple and religious system to extort love from the people they're supposed to be serving.
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