

Winter Week 8 - 2/27/22

"The story of Jesus in Mark" message series - Week 19

Getting to Know You

- 1.) Is there a time in your life when you gave God full authority over a specific situation and committed to submitting it to him? If so, what were the results? Share that experience with your group.
- 2.) On Sunday Steve talked about giving Jesus authority in our lives. Often we are fine with giving God authority over some areas; yet we still struggle with other areas. Why is it important for God's authority to be over *all* areas in our lives and not just some? In what ways do you see yourself struggling with this?
- 3.) How are you doing personally? How are the most significant relationships in your life doing? How is your spiritual life doing currently?

Into the Bible

- 4.) Read Mark 11:27-33. Most of us know the things that have authority in our lives. However, we seldom think through the process of how those authorities developed. What is your process of deciding what gets authority in your life? Are there things that currently have authority that maybe should not or things that do not but maybe should?
- 5.) Read Mark 12:1-12. Jesus made a pretty clear indictment of the people who had rejected the prophets and messengers of old and were also rejecting him. What is the warning that you think today's reader is supposed to take from this passage?
- 6.) Referring to Mark 12:1-12, most of us would probably agree that there have been times when God sent multiple warnings our way but we just kept justifying them in our own minds and moving forward with what we wanted to do. What can we do to have the wisdom we need when those times come so we're not set on doing things our way?

Application

- 7.) In what area do you struggle the most to relinquish complete control to God? What can you do to give him the authority in that area?
- 8.) What do you think are the life consequences you can expect if God does not have full authority in your life? How do you see those things playing out in your life?