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9 Oct 24 | Dealing with Authority | Mark 11:27-12:12 | Nelson Schonfeldt

## Groups & Families Discussion Questions

*Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.*

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**Sermon Notes:** Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

## ***Life Group Questions***

1. Conversation Starter: What is the most valuable lesson you've learned about leadership?
2. Why do people generally have an issue with authority (or being told what to do)? Why naturally, and why spiritually?
3. When questioned over his authority, Jesus asked a question about John the Baptist (Mark 11:29-30). Why did he do this and what did it reveal about His authority?
4. What does it mean for us practically to accept Jesus' authority?
5. Read Isaiah 5:1-7 and Jeremiah 7:25-26. What parallels can you find with Mark 12:1-12? How do you interpret the parable?
6. What does "bearing fruit" look like for the church?
7. How should we individually steward God's resources? What does that look like in terms of our talents, treasure and time?