

## Who Does God Think He Is?

### A city turned upside down

Mark 11

### Only one question remained

Mark 11:27-33, John 10:7-33, 14:6, Colossians 1:15-23

Their question in our language today:

- Who do you think **YOU ARE**?
- What gives you the right to **CHANGE** my life?

### A story that sums it all up

Mark 12:1-12, Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:12-19

The owner gave them:

- Everything they needed for **SUCCESS**.
- An incredible amount of **PATIENCE** and **PERSISTENCE**.
- His only son as a **FINAL PLEA**.
- No other **OPTIONS**.

### The question we are left with today

Mark 12:10-11, Acts 4:8-12, Psalm 118:22-29, Isaiah 28:16-19

- What, or who, is my **CORNERSTONE**?

# Life Group Study Questions

For the week of September 22, 2019

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- If you could witness any event of the past not involving Jesus, what would it be and why?
- What's one thing you hope to do, see, experience or accomplish in your lifetime?
- **Quick Review:** Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend we heard how Jesus was questioned about who He was and by what authority He was making His claims. These same kinds of questions continue today as people seek Jesus and try to understand Him. Paul also wrote in Colossians what could be seen as a "mini theology" or definition of Jesus. He wrote it to combat false teaching about Jesus. As you read Colossians 1:15-20, "highlight/circle/underline" and jot down everything it says about who Jesus is and what He has done.

*<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

Looking back at what you just marked and wrote, what are the top two or three points for you to remember who Jesus is and what He has done for you?

2. In the parable of the vineyard, we saw how the renters lost sight of who the real owner of the vineyard was. It's easy for us to do the same with the things we have. What principles do you see in 1 Chronicles 29:10-17 that could help you remember who the real owner is of everything you have?

### **1 Chronicles 29:10-17 New International Version (NIV)**

*David's Prayer*

<sup>10</sup>David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, Lord,  
the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

<sup>11</sup>Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.  
<sup>12</sup>Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.  
In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

<sup>13</sup>Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup>“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. <sup>15</sup>We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup>Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.

How does 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 expand the idea of ownership and what God ultimately wants us to do with what He has given us?

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Can you think of any examples of how your life could be different when you consistently remember who the owner is? If so, explain.

*\*120 Second Thank You Competition – One of the keys to remembering the true owner of all you have is remembering what He has done for you. Set your timer for 120 seconds, and as fast as possible, write down everything you can think of that you are thankful God has done for you and given you.*

**TAKING IT HOME**

Which point from this weekend’s message or Life Group study is most important for you to remember?

## PRAYER REQUESTS



### TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group. Over the years we've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines.

**WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME** - Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during the prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

**PRAY MORE THAN ONCE** - Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray.

**WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE** - Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. No one is required to pray out loud.



#### **REAL MAN WEEKEND – “The Palomar Experience”- Oct. 25-27**

Lookin' for some crazy guy stuff to do? Want to kick back or get refocused on God? Join us for another epic men's weekend that will get you recharged and refreshed as our speakers lead us into a look at what a real man is and isn't! The weekend will also include plenty of “man” event options like paintball, high ropes course, skeet shooting, archery, zipline, horseback riding, etc. Space is limited so don't delay! *Register online at [northcoastchurch.com/real-man-weekend](http://northcoastchurch.com/real-man-weekend)*