

## The Beginning of the End.

Mark 10:32-34; Mark 11:1-25

	<i>Appearance</i>	<i>Reality</i>
<b>The King Enters</b> Mark 11:1-10		
<b>Temple Worship</b> Mark 11:11, 15-19		
<b>The Leafy Fig Tree</b> Mark 11:12-14, 20-25		

## What are my fig leaves hiding?

Mark 11:13; Genesis 3:1-11

My Intentional Momentum:

*I will pray audacious prayers trusting You alone for the results...*

*I will choose to forgive because You have forgiven me.*

## NEXT STEPS

*This Sunday's talk centered on the desire Jesus has for his followers to have a real relationship with him, not just the appearance of one. Being authentic in all our relationships is a struggle.*

When have you had a hard time being the same person in different places?

*The barren fig tree is an illustration of the reality of Israel's worship. They were mired in ceremonial, religious legalism that gave the notion of satisfying the hungry heart but when the people got up to it there was nothing to satisfy.*

If your tree (your life) was looked at, what fruit would people find?

## DIGGING DEEPER.

*Fruit is what God produces in you as you grow in relationship with him. Read the following passages and consider the following questions about spiritual fruit.*

### John 15:1-8.

What do I need to do to produce spiritual fruit in my life?

Who produces spiritual fruit?

### Galatians 5:16-23

Describe what our flesh produces? (some translate "sinful nature")

Describe the fruit kind of fruit God produces?

*In Mark 11:22-25, Jesus creates a strong link between the absence of prayer in the temple (v. 17) and begins to give instruction to his disciples on how they can become a community of prayer. However, if all you use is this passage as God's instruction to us on prayer then it will be incomplete. Below are some of the many passages on prayer. Write down what you discover.*

I John 5:13-15

Mark 14:32-36

Luke 18:1-8

Matthew 6:5-16

James 4:2-3

Philippians 4:6-7

*Remember, prayer is simply talking with God and through our relationship with him we can ask him about anything and trust him completely for the right response.*

## **TAKING IT HOME**

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what's most important for you to remember and why?

Prayer Requests