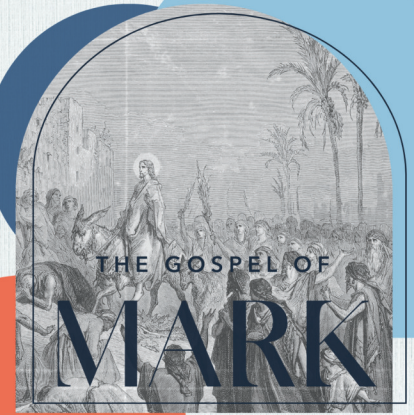


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# THE KING'S FURY

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## PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. 13 Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 And He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening. 15 Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple area and began to drive out those who were selling and buying on the temple grounds, and He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; 16 and He would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple grounds. 17 And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." 18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard this, and they began seeking how to put Him to death; for they were afraid of Him, because all the crowd was astonished at His teaching. 19 And whenever evening came, they would leave the city. 20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. 21 And being reminded, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree that You cursed has withered." 22 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted to him. 24 Therefore, I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted to you. 25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you for your offenses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your offenses."



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# GROW IN THE WORD

- What do Jesus' actions in the temple reveal about his attitude towards true worship? See also Jeremiah 7:1-11.

- In what ways can you apply Jesus' expectations of true worship and fruitfulness to your life today?

**02. Jesus departed for Jerusalem and passed the fig tree he had previously cursed. The fig tree had withered and died, and Jesus used it as a lesson on faith, prayer, and forgiveness. He taught the disciples to have faith in God, to pray with unwavering belief, and to forgive anyone who needs it (v. 20-26).**

- Why do you think Jesus replied to Peter's comment about the fig tree with a teaching on faith, prayer, and forgiveness?



# GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pray to begin your group time. Remind the group why you are meeting: to connect in meaningful relationships, to grow spiritually, and to engage in the life and work of the church together. Reflect on the values you want to share as a group (i.e. confidentiality, authenticity, grace).

## CONNECT (30-40 MIN)

You can use these suggestions to foster connection and build community in your group. You can break your group into smaller parts if needed, pick a question to discuss, and let each member get to know one another.

- Spend a few minutes catching up with one another. Share highs and lows from the previous week.
- Ask the second question in the Connect section of the passage guide and give each person a chance to respond.

## GROW (30-40 MIN)

Gather back as a big group if you broke up earlier and have one person pray over your time discussing God's word. As you discuss, don't worry if there are questions left unanswered or unresolved. Reach out to ministry leaders or pastors for any needed clarification.

- Select 1-2 questions from each section that have cross-references. Pick questions that stand out to you, or that you believe would be most helpful for your group.
- Read any cross-references together and discuss.

## ENGAGE (30-40 MIN)

Reflect on the biblical truth God revealed to you this week and discuss a plan of action to apply what you have learned. Gather in smaller groups of 2-4 again. Discuss your plan of action and pray for one another.

- Select one or both of the application questions from each section. Discuss ways you want to apply the passage to life.
- Close group time by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.