

What Authority
Mark 11:27-12:12

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What authority figures do you trust? Which do you distrust? Has this changed over time? Why or why not?
- Read *Mark 11:26-12:12*. What are the things Jesus has been doing which have prompted the religious leaders' questions?
- How do the Jewish leaders try to trap Jesus? How does Jesus turn the tables? What is revealed about the leaders?
- In Jesus' parable, what do the characters and their actions represent? What is expected and unexpected in the story?
- How does Jesus' parable address the initial questions about Jesus' authority?
- Why does Jesus quote Psalm 118 (cf. Mk. 11:7-10)? What is he claiming about himself and his mission?
- If you were asked why you trust Jesus' authority, how would you respond? How is this seen in your life?
- Where in your life do you resist or struggle with Jesus' authority? What would you like to change? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *If we had a garden or orchard, what would you like to grow?* Read *Mark 11:27-12:12*. Ask: *What do the religious leaders ask Jesus about? How would you answer Jesus' question in 11:29-30? What does Jesus want us to learn from his story about the vineyard owner?*

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.