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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- How often do you read the Bible? What are your spiritual practices with Scripture (e.g. study, meditation, memorization, etc.)?
- *Read Matthew 21:10–17.* How have the crowds been treating Jesus? What have they been saying about him?
- How does Jesus here and elsewhere demonstrate his knowledge of Scripture and its application to his life and ministry?
- What causes the chief priests and teachers of the law to become indignant?
- Given the religious leaders' knowledge of the Scriptures, why does Jesus ask them if they have never read the passage he quotes? What might he really be asking?
- In what ways does all of Scripture point to Jesus? How is Jesus both the source of the Bible's authority, and the key for its interpretation?
- If Jesus asked you directly if you've read the Scriptures, how would you respond?
- How might Jesus be inviting you not only to great literacy and fluency with the Bible, but also to greater intimacy with him through the Scriptures?
- What is a practice you can begin or continue this week to help you encounter the Living Word of God, Jesus, through the written word of God, the Bible? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do this?

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