

Who Do You Think You Are?

Questions reveal our spiritual _____ (11:26-33)

- The blind refuse to _____
 - The words and work of Jesus reveal His _____
- The-self-focused refuse to answer questions that are _____
 - The fear of man leads us to say and do what is _____ rather than what is true and right.

Parables give us spiritual _____ (12:1-12)

- God expects _____ from those He entrusts with His treasure.
- The blind and self-focused are _____
 - They reject _____ and refuse to give Him what He deserves.
 - They are increasingly _____ toward those who call them to faith.
 - They reject the Son and are _____
- The rejected Son is the foundation of a _____ people.

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
3. What is a question you have?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. What kinds of privileges do people in authority have? People like police officers, judges, owners, executives . . .
2. Read Mark 11:27-28. Based on what happened the day before (11:12-19), what kind of attitude do you suppose is behind the question? Why? From the larger context of all Mark has recorded about the ministry of Jesus, what does their question reveal about the spiritual condition of the religious leaders? Why? What are some examples of how unbelievers in our day refuse to see what is obvious? What is the cure for this blindness? How do we help the spiritually blind?
3. Read Mark 11:29-33. Jesus asked a question rather than giving them a straight answer. What is the purpose of His question? Why did they refuse to answer it? "The fear of man leads us to say and do what is safe rather than what is right and true." (see Proverbs 29:25) How have you seen this in others? When do you see it in yourself? Why is it so easy to be captured by the fear of man? What can help us overcome the fear of man?
4. Read Mark 12:1-5. Why are parables such powerful teaching tools? What is Jesus teaching in these verses? What kind of fruit does God desire from his "tenants"? Why is there hostility toward the owner's servants? How do we see this today?
5. Read Mark 12:6-11. What was the owners final attempt to get the tenants to do right? Why does verse 7 say they wanted to kill the son? What does this reveal about their hearts? What does the owner's response to the tenants reveal about God's response toward the selfish faithless? What does the owner do with the vineyard? Why is this good news for us? What's the connection of all this and the rejected stone to Jesus and the church?
6. How would you summarize this passage in a few sentences?