

## Mark 11:1-26

# Discussion Questions

### **Jesus is fulfills God's promises**

*Read Mark 11:1-10*

1. What evidence is there that everything is happening just as God had said? (cf. Zechariah 9:9)
2. Why does this matter, given what's about to happen to Jesus and his disciples?

### **Jesus exposes the failure of God's people**

*Read Mark 11:11-19*

3. How is the fig tree (vv. 12-14) a picture of what's going on in the temple (vv. 15-19)?
4. What is Jesus verdict on the tree (and therefore on Israel's false religion)?
5. What 'fruit' does Jesus look for in the lives of his followers? (See e.g. Mark 8:34; 9:7, 29, 35-27; 10:15, 43-45 and also Galatians 5:22-23)
6. If Jesus were to visit your home, workplace, or our church, do you think he would find the fruit he's looking for?
7. Think of 2-3 examples of what it would look like to be more fruitful in each of these areas.

### **Jesus calls for faith in God's provision**

*Read Mark 11:20-24*

8. Jesus arrival marks the end of the road for the temple and Old Testament sacrifices. According to verses 23-25, how are we meant to relate to God now these things are gone?
9. What has Jesus done to remove the 'mountain' that stands between us and God? (See Mark 10:45)

### **Prayer Ideas:**

Thank God that he loves us enough to exposes our sin and also do everything it takes to save us from it.

In light of your answers to question 7, each share one practical way you would like to be more fruitful this week. Pray for God's help with this.