

Newington '25 – 'A Year in the Gospels' together #37 (Aug. 11-16)

Aug. 11-16/ Day 1: Read Matthew 21:18-22:

Q. Why does Jesus curse the tree? What is the significance of the appearance of leaves but no fruit?

Q. Is Jesus Promise in verse 22 absolute (no conditions), why/ why not?

Aug. 11-16/ Day 2: Read Mark 11:20-26:

Q. What is the significance of the previous chapter eleven verses (v. 15-19) to our understanding of this section?

Q. What do you think Jesus's point is in v. 24? Is this a "name it and claim it" guarantee...why or why not?

Q. How could you apply the principle of "believing prayer" in your life today?

Aug. 11-16/ Day 3: Read Matthew 21:23-27:

Q. Why didn't Jesus answer the leader's question? What seems to be the root issue in this section?

Q. Whose authority is more important in your life right now...yours or God's...and why?

Aug. 11-16/ Day 4: Read Mark 11:27-33:

Q. Why does Jesus respond to them by asking about John's authority? Why are the leaders afraid to answer?

Q. Are you willing to accept Jesus authority in your life? If so, what is Jesus asking you to do today?

Aug. 11-16/ Day 5: Read Luke 20:1-8:

Q. What was Jesus doing that upset the leaders? Why are they so upset? Why do they reject His authority?

Aug. 11-16/ Day 6: Study and Meditation – Consider the following questions: All the passages we looked at this week were around one event (cursing of a fig tree) & the leaders questioning Jesus's authority.

Q. Does your life "pretend" to be spiritual but really lack any spiritual "fruit"? If so what steps can you take to become more fruitful?

Q. How can Jesus's authority be demonstrated in a meaningful way, in your life this week?