

“Exposing Devotion”
Mark 11:27-12:44

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Small Group Discussion Questions
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The religious leaders: Devoted to _____ (11:27-33).

The vineyard tenants: Devoted to _____ (12:1-12).

The Pharisees: Devoted to _____ - _____ Jesus (13-17).

The Sadducees: Devoted to their _____ (18-27).

The one scribe: Devoted to _____ (28-34).

The scribes: Devoted to _____ and _____ (35-37).

The scribes: Devoted to _____ and _____ (38-40).

The poor widow: Devoted to _____ with _____ (41-44).

1. Compare and contrast how the chief priests and leaders attack Jesus' authority in Mark 11: 27-33 versus John the Baptist's humility toward Jesus' authority in Mark 1:4-8. How do the motives and attitudes seem to differ?

2. Looking at Mark 12: 1-44, what are some attitudes Jesus explicitly warned the audience against and what are some insights to the Kingdom of God Jesus describes?

- a. Parable of the Tenants:
Improper devotion:
Kingdom Truth:
- b. Paying Taxes to Caesar:
Improper devotion:
Kingdom Truth:
- c. Marriage and the Resurrection:
Improper devotion:
Kingdom Truth:
- d. The Greatest Commandment:
Improper devotion:
Kingdom Truth:
- e. Whose Son is the Christ:
Improper devotion:
Kingdom Truth:
- f. The Widows Offering:
Improper devotion:
Kingdom Truth:

3. How can verse 24 be a useful warning for us as we exhibit love for the church and mutual ministry in our small groups?

4. What does verse 34 teach us about our conversations with our friends, neighbors and co-workers who are not yet believers?