

D-4: Stay on Task

Mark 11:12-26

Main Idea: When we forget the mission we invite the loving discipline of Jesus. When we remember his mission and do it, we invite his pleasure.

- 1. *1ST STORY: CURSING THE FIG TREE – We forget the mission when we get caught up in organized religion. Mark 11:12-14; 19-21***
 - A. *Context* – Jesus has come into his temple – *at Passover* – as the Messiah-King, but neither the leaders nor the people receive him. 11:1-11
 - B. *Response* – Jesus curses the fig tree. 11:12-14
 - C. *Picture* – The story is a parable of the nation of Israel.
 - D. *Application* – The story is a parable of our lives as well.

- 2. *2ND STORY: CLEANSING THE TEMPLE – We forget the mission when we get caught up in materialistic commercialized faith. Mark 11:15-18***
 - A. *Context* – Jesus and his disciples head toward the temple. 11:15a
 - B. Jesus drives out the money changers.
 - C. The religious leaders connive to assassinate Jesus. Mark 11:18
 - D. This story applies at two different levels.

- 3. *3RD STORY: TEACHING ON FAITH – We embrace the mission when we pray mission-minded and kingdom-focused prayers. Mark 11:22-26***
 - A. *The command* – Have faith in God. Jesus commands this in the context of his mission. 11:22
 - B. *The application* – True faith trusts God for the supernatural in prayer. 11:23-24