

### Fruit and Faith

God uses \_\_\_\_\_ (1-11)

- Faithfulness is expressed in \_\_\_\_\_
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Jesus rejects \_\_\_\_\_ (12-14)

- He expects \_\_\_\_\_
- He rebukes the \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus rejects \_\_\_\_\_ (15-19)

- He expects \_\_\_\_\_
- He rebukes the \_\_\_\_\_

God answers \_\_\_\_\_

- Faithful prayers express \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
- Faithful prayers demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Faithful prayers reflect \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 are some fruits of healthy living? What are some evidences and benefits of eating well, getting good sleep, and consistently exercising?
2. Read Mark 11:1-6. What does this passage teach us about the knowledge Jesus has and about his authority? What does the response of the disciples reveal?
3. Read Mark 11:7-11. What does this event communicate to the people in light of Zechariah 9:9? What do their shouts of Hosanna reveal about their hope and expectation? What is right about their hope? What is likely misguided about their hope? What kind of hopes and expectations do we rightly have regarding the King who has come to save?
4. Read Mark 11:12-21. What is Mark seeking to communicate to us by sandwiching Jesus' anger at what is happening in the temple between the cursing and withering of the fig tree. What's the problem with the tree? What's the problem with all that is going on around the temple? What kind of "fig trees" or religious practices might Jesus rebuke today? In churches? In the religious community? In the lives of those who profess to be believers?
5. Read Mark 11:18. Why were the religious leaders so upset with Jesus? How do we see this today?
6. Read Mark 11:22-25. What does Jesus say that our faithful prayers are able to accomplish? From the sermon outline, what are the marks of faithful prayers? What kind of specific prayers do we (you) pray that express confidence in God's power? Why is submission to God's will important to understand as we confidently pray to God? What does the condition of forgiveness teach us about prayer and God's willingness to hear? How would you summarize what Jesus is teaching here about prayer to a middle school student?
7. How would you summarize what this whole passage teaches us about Jesus, and the responsibilities and opportunities we have?