

Day 50: Mark 11:20-25

We like to sing songs about how cool God is. We ask, “how great is our God?” and proclaim Him as “holy, holy, holy.” Sometimes I just wonder how much we mean it. Verses like these sure make me ask that question. I mean, when is the last time you saw a mountain jump into a lake?

What is the biggest prayer you’ve prayed this month? Are you asking God for enough? Why? Why not? What motivates your requests to God, selfishness, service or ministry?

Prayer Points:

- Talk to God about what He wants to do through you this week.
- Talk with God about whether your prayers are big enough. Maybe He wants you to trust Him for a truly big step this week. Pray about that big step.
- Pray for Wallula Christian Church to be used in a really big way this week!

Day 51: Mark 11:27-33

I had the privilege of visiting four large churches in the Denver area this past weekend. In one of the worship services a church baptized over 60 people! After this service a group of pastors discussed this super event. Some were concerned that the baptisms weren’t all performed quite right or that they were performed for slightly different reasons than they would have baptized... Man, I don’t want to be a Pharisee, unable to see the great hand of God working!

What kept the Pharisees from answering Jesus’ question? Do you ever get so caught up in the details of life that you forget to focus on the really great stuff God is doing?

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for loving us enough to send Jesus into this world.
- Pray for opportunities this week to share your blessings with others.
- Pray that you would see Jesus at work in the activities and conversations you enjoy this week.

Day 52: Mark 12:1-12

I am so impressed with Jesus. He is willing to confront the people in his life walking far from God. The story He tells in this section of scripture does exactly that; it confronts the Pharisees, who were searching for a way to arrest and/or kill Jesus.

Are there people in your life that need lovingly confronted with the truth?

Prayer Points:

- Pray for opportunities to lovingly confront those close to you with the truth of Jesus.
- Pray that you will not walk away afraid of these opportunities.
- Pray that your life will reflect Jesus in everything you do.

Day 53: Mark 12:13-17

Old crusty guys are famous for saying things like, “I only have to do two things, die and pay taxes.” Well Jesus’ biggest adversaries were trying to trap Him when they asked should they honor Caesar by paying taxes. God has placed the leaders and governments in this world and we have a responsibility to support them and honor God.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the leaders at our local, state and national levels.
- Pray for our military leaders and soldiers serving our nation, sometimes in harms way.
- Pray for the families at home as their loved ones serve in these dangerous but important roles.

Day 54: Mark 12:18-27

The great hope of believers is the resurrection! What a glorious day it will be when we enter into the very presence of Jesus in Heaven! It is going to be awesome! It is also going to be different. Now we can discuss and think about and even worry about the differences, but I’d rather concentrate on how great Heaven will be!

Have you spent any time thinking about heaven? What do you think it will be like?

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for His faithfulness and the promise of Heaven.
- If you are married spend a few minutes praying for your spouse.
- Pray for marriages in Wallula Christian Church, your neighborhood and in your sphere of influence.

Day 55: Mark 12:28-34

We all want to know what the most important issue is. We want to know what we really need to pay attention to. Well, Jesus gives us the greatest commandment here in Mark 12. We can keep all the commandments simply by loving God and loving others!

What does loving God look like? What about loving others?

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to help you put Him first in everything you say and do this week.
- Ask God for opportunities to show the love of Christ off to others this week.

Day 56: Mark 12:35-40

My kids were having a theological discussion about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the back of the van the other day. Zoe, our three year old took her stab at explaining this complicated theological truth when she described the trinity by saying, “there is God the sun, God the moon and God the stars!” I guess we have a little work to do on Zoe’s understanding of God.

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for being too big to fully understand!
- Ask God to help you be more concerned about worshipping Him well than about whether or not others think you’re worshipping Him well.