Mark: Clearing House



11:12-25

- 1. What insight, observation, or question do you have from this weeks reading plan?
- 2. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
- 3. What are some areas in your home that seem to get filled and cluttered over time, and need a good clean every once in a while? Why do you think things get cluttered and messy and need such an overhaul from time to time?
- 4. Read Mark 11:12-21. What do the fig tree and the temple worship have in common? Why is verse 17 so significant in showing where the nation had come?
- 5. Read Mark 11:22-25. Jesus talks about faith, prayer and forgiveness. Which of these three areas do you find most difficult to live out?
- 6. Read John 15:1-10. Sometimes bearing fruit can be hard to quantify. What does Jesus say living in him requires in verse 9-10? Read Revelation 3:1-3, 3:14-19. What do these verse have to say about us remaining in Christ and obedience?
- 7. If God came to clean house in you, what would be the things you think he might want to deal with?
- 8. Rituals don't replace obedience to God. What are some things, even good things, that people hide behind which gives the impression that spiritually things are good? Kind of like a green fig tree with no figs. Which of these things are you tempted to hide behind?
- 9. Before you pray, Jesus told us to forgive those whom we hold something against. Can you do that now? If not, why not. Share with the group.