



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Matthew 21:17-22**

Date: **October 3, 2021**

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How do the disciples react to the withering of the fig tree? How do people usually react when God's judgment falls upon his enemies?
2. How has this passage been misused and abused in the past?
3. Summarize Pastor Jacob's argument as to why Jesus is teaching his disciples to pray for judgment to come to those who opposed his kingdom in verses 20-22.
4. Is imprecatory prayer biblical? Explain. Give examples from the Scriptures.
5. Why do you think many Christians are uncomfortable or even opposed to praying imprecatory prayers?
6. How do we reconcile verses like Romans 12:14 and Matthew 5:44 with imprecatory prayers? Are they at odds with each other? Explain.
7. When the enemies of God are destroyed, how do Christians respond? Explain using Scripture.
8. How do we obey the call of this text today? What would it look like to pray an imprecatory prayer today? How can we ensure that we pray imprecatory prayers with proper heart motives and not sinful ones?