



**SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM  
FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: Oct. 15, 2017  
"Kingdom Fruit"  
PASSAGE: Mark 12:13-44**

1. Read Mark 12:13-44. In the immediate context, Jesus told the parable of the vineyard, in which the farmer was looking for fruit. In light of this context why do you think taxes and government are mentioned first? If all things are for God when is it right to render something to Caesar? What are examples of things you must render to the government and examples of things you must not?
2. In verses 18-23 why were the Sadducees wrong in their thinking about marriage and the resurrection? What is required to ensure Biblical questions are asked with the right motives? How does your belief in the resurrection Biblically change your view of your current relationships (ie. marriage, friend, enemies, work, etc.)?
3. Look again at how Jesus summarizes the commandments of God in verses 28-31. Why did he describe the most important commandment the way that he did? How can you exhibit the fruit of this type of love and commitment even if you don't feel like it?

4. In verse 34 Jesus said that the scribe answered well and was not far from the Kingdom of God. What does this mean? Did the scribe have a good handle of the topic of the Law? Was he saved? Pick an area regarding God and His Word you feel most familiar with. How can you be sure your faith in Christ is increasing in this area and not simply your knowledge of that area?

5. Look at verse 38-44. What kind of sacrifice and commitment would it require for a scribe to live like this? What kind of sacrifice and commitment would it require for the widow to do what she did? What is the difference between the two? Why didn't Jesus give the widow some money or give back what she gave? What is one way you can give sacrificially in faith that perhaps you never have before?

## 6. BREAKOUT

What is the number one small 'g' god in your life or the one you tend to struggle with the most? Why is it a struggle and how can you step out in faith to increase in your love for God?

### Memory Verse

Mark 12:17 "Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marvelled at him."