

INTRODUCTION

This week's question is, *"Why did Jesus curse the fig tree in Mark 11:12? It says that figs were not in season. There must be more to this than it appears."*

In Mark 11 Jesus uses a living example, in a fig tree, to illustrate not just His own power and authority, but also what the deadness of cold religion brings. Too often in our own lives we settle for less than eternal life because our own idea of religion is more important to us than God. We have leaves, like a tree, but our leaves reflect us and we don't bear any real fruit that tastes like the Gospel of Jesus.

DISCUSSION

Are there activities in your life that could be considered "leaves only" and not fruit? What are they?

APPLICATION

**Describe a time in when you've felt the most fruitful.
What contributed to your fruitfulness?**

**Describe a time in your life that you know was unfruitful.
Explain why?**

**Share the biggest obstacle in your life to staying intimately
connected with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.**

MISSION

**How can we help one another as believers to Walk in the Spirit
and experience His fruit?**

PART 2 WHAT! — IN THE — WORLD?

JOHN 15:8	DEUTERONOMY 8:8	GALATIANS 5:22-23
MARK 11:1-24	LUKE 13:6-9	LUKE 13:6-9
ZECARIAH 9:9	MICAH 7:1	EPHESIANS 2:10
REVELATION 5:5-6	ISAIAH 5:1-7	MATTHEW 7:16-18
JOHN 1:48	JOHN 15:1-10	

SEVENTEEN: THE POOR FIG TREE