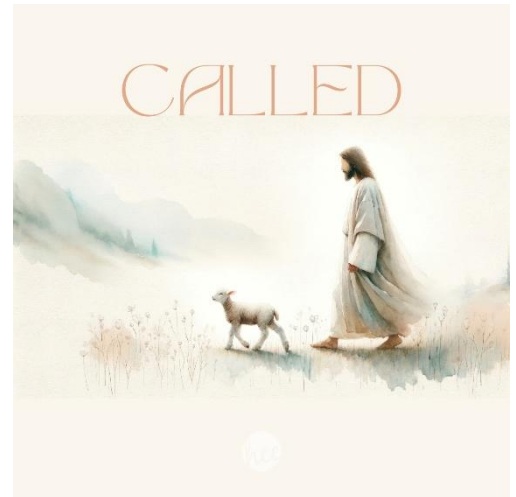


Life Group Study Notes

Date: 14 June 2026
Sermon: “By what authority...?”
Speakers: Tony Gallagher
Scripture: Mark 11:27-12:12



Scripture questions:

1. V.27. Only a day or so earlier Jesus had cleared the temple of all market activities. Do you think those activities would have resumed in the following days? After Jesus' crucifixion?
2. V.27-28. Why were the religious leaders' questions legitimate? What did they hope to achieve?
3. V.29-30. Why did Jesus evade their question by referring to the baptism of John?
4. V.31-33. What does the religious leaders' response say about their attitude?
5. Jn.2:13-22. How does this first instance of Jesus clearing the temple legitimize his actions in the second?
6. Ch.12:12. Who did Jesus address the parable of the Wicked Tenants to? Why?
7. Matt.28:18-20. How far does the authority of Jesus extend? What did Jesus command the church to do throughout the ages? To what extent has this been achieved since the time of Jesus until the present day?
8. I Cor.6:19-20. What has Jesus done to claim authority over our lives? Jesus is our Lord and master. What does that mean? (Jn.13:13-17)

Questions to ponder:

- What can HCC as a congregation and individuals members do to make disciples?
- To what extent are we surrendered to the authority of Jesus in our lives?
- What authority does Jesus give us to carry out his work?

Prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, we recognise that we live in perilous times. Our modern western society is characterised by secularism, materialism and constant distractions. Help us Lord to break free of these traps. May we individually and collectively shine as lights in order to attract those you are calling out of darkness and into your glorious presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.