

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Utter Abandon
Mark 12:38-13:2

*As we have learned time and time again, Jesus is fully deserving of our confidence.
Only He can give us ultimate security in our insecure world.*

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 12:35-37 and Psalm 110:1. How do you answer Jesus' question? How can the Christ be both David's Lord and his son at the same time?

Read Mark 12:38-40. According to Jesus, what fundamental problem did the scribes have? Why did Jesus warn us to beware of them?

Read Mark 12:41-44. Why was Jesus impressed by the widow's offering? What do you think motivated her to give it?

Read Mark 13:1-2. Did Jews living in Jesus' time think that it was possible for the Temple to be destroyed? Why or why not?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What gives you your greatest sense of security? Do you look for your security in things other than Jesus (career, reputation, money, relationships, etc.)? If so, why, and does it ever feel fully secure?

Why do we so often find it difficult to trust in Jesus for our security and well-being? Why is it so tempting to look to other things instead of Jesus?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Based on this passage, why does Jesus deserve our full trust and confidence?

What will ultimately happen to everything we have here on earth, including our possessions, relationships, career, reputation, etc.? Why are they unworthy of our trust?

Is there anything in your life that you need to completely abandon in order to fully embrace Jesus? Is there something you are holding on to so tightly that it is holding you back from fully trusting Christ?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will you look to Christ for your sense of security this week?