

Two, and A Third Mark 11:1-14

How are you feeling, looking back on this year and ahead to the new year?

PAST	GOOD		
	BAD		
		BAD	GOOD
		FUTURE	

Planning Principles - We need...

1. A big-enough purpose – one bigger than ourselves.
2. A long-enough time horizon – one longer than this life.

Jesus is very intentional - Entering Jerusalem Mark 11:1-10

Zechariah 9:9 – *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

Jesus is content with God’s control - Surveying Temple Mark 11:11

Mark 10:40 – *“...it is not for me to grant...”*

Jesus experiences disappointment - Cursing Fig Tree Mark 11:12-14

- Gospels present Jesus as fully divine and fully human
- As a result, He is both our Savior and our Example

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3. ...and therefore, to entrust my plans to someone bigger than me.

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

For reflection or discussion:

- Where did you place yourself on the grid as to how you were feeling about the year past and the year ahead?
- Reflecting on today's passage, how do you sense God wants you to plan differently for the coming year?

Next Steps:

JOIN A LIFEGROUP: LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. To get involved or for more information, contact Connections + LifeGroups Pastor, Robert Carter, at rcarter@calvarylife.org, or indicate "LifeGroups" on The Card (located in the chair rack in the seat in front of you). calvarylife.org/lifegroups

MID-WEEK AT CALVARY: From January - May, come connect with others and grow in your faith mid-week at Calvary with the Wednesday Pastor's Study in the Chapel and Thursday Night Worship in the Underground. There are also great programs on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm for kids in Nursery up through High School, plus other great options for adults including the Alpha Course, Crazy Cycle in Marriage, Anxiety Breaker, and ongoing ministries including Celebrate Recovery. For details on all these opportunities, find out more at calvarylife.org/midweek

In Response:

COMMUNION: Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

GIVING: The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or calvarylife.org/give

PRAYER POINTS: These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.