

## **OPENING QUESTIONS**

- Have you ever been part of a church where people encountered God in the deepest of ways?
- What struck you most about how those people loved and cared for each other?

## **READ TOGETHER**

**Mark 11:11-25**

## **BIG IDEA**

**God's house is open for all who need Him.**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Whether it is trees or temples, God expects his creation to bear the fruit it is intended to bear. What fruit does he expect His church to bear?
2. What does it look like for a church to be a 'house of prayer'?
3. Read Isaiah 56:1-8. What type of people was the Temple made for?
4. Who are the modern day equivalent of the foreigners and eunuchs we read about in Isaiah 56?
5. Jesus' issue with the Temple was that instead of inviting people into His presence it was putting up barriers. In what way could we be putting barriers in people's way? What are you going to do about it?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 3:16. How can your life be a 'house of prayer'?

## **CHALLENGE**

You are the Temple of God created to be a house of prayer. Ask God to send those who long/need to know Him to you.

## **PRAYER**

Seek God on behalf of our friends, neighbours and relatives, obeying his voice and surrendering to him. Commit to bear fruit that God desires: the broken, the rich with needs, the poor with needs, all who have a need for God.

## **NEXT STEP**

Each day ask God to show you people who need your life to be their house of prayer, a place to encounter God.