

# THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

LUKE 20:1-8

MARCH 21ST



## START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP TALKING.

- Do you obsess over March Madness? Who have you picked to win?
- Who in your life has pointed you toward Jesus?

## START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Jesus saved his strongest critiques for the religious leaders of his day, the pastors. They were comfortable while many people were not. They also fleeced the population in order to worship during the Passover.
- Read Luke 19:45-58.
- Does it bother you that Jesus got angry and cleared the table?
- What do you get righteously angry about like Jesus did?

## START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Luke 20:1-8
- Does Jesus sound evasive to you in this passage? Why?
- Good rabbis in the first century asked questions, even questions upon questions. It was a sign of a wise and good teacher.
- Jesus' authority comes from God as he is in God in the flesh.
- What does it look like in everyday life to show Jesus is your authority?
- Read Luke 20:45-47
- Jesus afflicted the comfortable and comforted the afflicted.
- Where is the pride in your life that needs a dose of humility?

## START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- *Pray openly and honestly: Lord God, show us where we are like the religious leaders, proud and unaware of our need of You. May your Holy Spirit stir up righteous anger in us for the things that anger you. And may that anger turn into action to change things towards You. In Christ's name, Amen.*

## START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Read more about Jesus being our ultimate authority in this 3-day reading plan: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/19216>.