

# Coming Into Focus: Vineyard Villains

## Small Group Discussion Guide

Mark 11:27 – 12:34

1. Has there ever been a time when you could relate to the villain in a story?
2. How can we relate to the religious leaders that opposed Jesus?
3. How well do you think the average Christian submits to the authority of Jesus?
4. How do we deny or discredit Jesus' authority in our everyday lives?
5. Jesus commends a teacher of the law for investigating his authority. Why?
6. In light of the last question, do you have any nagging doubts/questions about God that you'd like to bring up to the group? Feel free to spend some time on this question.
7. What does "the greatest commandment" tell us about the nature of God?
8. *"If we could see what God sees, we would do what God says."* Do you agree with this statement? Is there any area of life where you are struggling to submit to God's authority? How might this statement speak to that?
9. How can we live our lives with the authority (on behalf) of Jesus?