

1. Research other times that the Bible talks about the fig tree. What do you think Jesus is trying to say in the three stories mentioned in this weeks' readings?
2. What is the chief cornerstone in your life of faith? In your family? In your church? What would others say it was?
3. Have you experienced the parable of the widow's mite—a time when someone gave all they had to the glory of God? Compare it to Jesus's words in Mark 10:17-27 to the rich man who wants to enter into the kingdom of heaven. What lesson do these stories tell us?
4. How do the words of chapter 13 make you feel? Why do you think Jesus gives some specific details about the coming tribulation—but not a time or place?
5. What spiritual practices can help you “keep awake?”