

## Home Group Study Material for w/c 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### Moving mountains (Matthew 21:18-22)

**Suggested questions for discussion** – as usual please modify them as appropriate for your group

*The aim of the study is learn how to become mountain-movers! Few people find prayer easy or entirely natural, so come prepared to share your joys, your heartaches, your experiences, and your tips on prayer. Don't be afraid to spend as much time on each question as you need – each one is quite big!*

1. *'Intro' question:* Either if you could ask God for one miracle in your life, knowing that he would grant your request, what would it be? Or what is the biggest thing you have ever asked God to do for you? What happened?

**Please read Matthew 21:18-22**

2. *"That fig-tree had been designed to produce delicious and nutritious fruit.... As humans we're designed to be in relationship with God and to produce spiritual fruit."*  
Why is spiritual fruit important in the lives of Christians? Give some examples of spiritual fruit? What sort of fruit tree are we? How might we produce more in our lives?
3. What is your honest view of prayer? What difference does prayer currently make to your life? How much time in a typical day do you spend in prayer? Finish this question by exploring in detail why so many people find prayer difficult
4. Read Luke 11:1-13 and discuss the key things that Jesus is trying to teach about prayer in that passage.
5. So putting it all together, what can we learn from this passage and our discussion to help us all become mountain-movers? Don't be afraid of repeating some of what you have already discussed. It will help you to remember it! Finish by sharing some tips on prayer that you have personally found helpful.

**Note** that some material included in my sermon and in these study notes are from *Too busy not to pray* by Bill Hybels. This book is available at the back of church and I highly recommend it if you want to know more about prayer. It is both very readable and short!

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