Mark Lesson 43 (2023)

**THE SON OF DAVID AND THE TRUE LEADERSHIP**

(Mark 12:35-40)

**Open it:**

1. What approach would you take to stand out as an excellent worker?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 35-36. Where was Jesus teaching? What question did Jesus pose to his audience? What was the significance of the passage Jesus quoted? How did the Holy Spirit play a role in this narrative? What insights about the Messiah’s power and authority can be gleaned from Jesus’ teaching?
2. In verse 37, what did Jesus highlight from one of David’s Psalms? Who was the subject of the Scripture Jesus cited? How did the crowd react to Jesus’ teaching?
3. Read verses 38-39. What did Jesus caution the crowds about? Why did Jesus condemn the teachers of the law? What did the teachers of the law expose their true selves through their actions? (39)
4. Read verse 40. How were the teachers of the law “devouring widow’s houses”? For what did Jesus rebuke the teachers of the law? What fate did Jesus predict for them? How can we avoid flaunting our faith?

**Apply it:**

1. What measures can you adopt to ensure that your prayer, church attendance, and other spiritual practices stem solely from a desire to please God?