

## **Discussion Guide for Warnings from a Failed Religion**

### **1. Read John 15:21-25 and briefly review the outline.**

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

**2. Truth:** The nation of Israel rejected Jesus because embracing God's kingdom was not worth losing their own. Kingdom building can corrupt. We step into this danger when we build our kingdom instead of Christ's.

### **Read Matthew 6:19-21**

What is the logical downside to accumulating treasures on earth?

Why do you think it is so hard to apply this logical command?

How has the frailty of earthly treasures been proven true in your experience?

How does Jesus describe the relationship between treasure and affections in v.21?

How does this show us what God is really seeking from us?

### **Read Mark 10:17-23**

What was this man's dilemma and ultimate downfall?

How do you think you would respond to this ultimatum?

How can the perceived stability that wealth provides become a pitfall in living the Christians life?