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Thoughts to consider:

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Thoughts to consider:

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Wednesday, Oct. 7

Scriptures to read: Matthew 21:20-22, Mark 11:20-24
James 5:16-18

Thoughts to consider:

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Thursday, Oct. 8

Scriptures to read: Matthew 21:23-27, Mark 11: 27-33
Luke 20:1-8

Thoughts to consider:

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Saturday, Oct. 10

Scriptures to read: Matthew 21:28-32, James 1:22-25

Thoughts to consider:

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