



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 21:28-32” on June 10 & 13, 2021

### CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 21:18-27 affect your week?

### DISCOVER: MATTHEW 21:28-32

1. What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
2. How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
3. Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

**MATTHEW 21:28-32** Jesus used the Parable of the Two Sons to show the Pharisees and Sadducees who were questioning His authority what they had missed in regard to His being the Messiah, the Son of God...because of their love of religiosity and procedures, they missed Jesus!

**PROCEDURES VS. PURPOSE:** Having seen all He had said and done, how did the religious leaders miss Jesus?

- What distractions in this world cause us to miss Jesus, just as the Pharisees and Sadducees did?
- In your home, in church, and in life, how well are you living in your purpose - how has studying this passage revealed to you procedures you are clinging to that are hindrances to your bearing fruit for God's kingdom?
- How do you respond to this statement Jason made in his sermon: “In your life – if we forget the purpose, we're like the bride who is constantly anxious, constantly stressed – when there's a GROOM waiting to just LOVE us!”

**THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS:** There is much for US to learn from Jesus' teaching in this passage! It is important to remember that Jesus saw the Pharisees and Sadducees not as enemies, but as God's children who had been deceived.

- What attitudes today could each of the sons represent? Which son would represent you? Why?”
- What does 'doing the Father's will' mean to you?
- What does being God's 'image bearer' look like in your life?
- Can you describe a situation that has happened to you or someone you know that revealed how the tension/struggle between purpose and procedures play out in your life? What did that reveal about where you find your identity and your comfort?

“TRULY I SAY TO YOU.....” Jesus used these words to emphasize the importance of repentance! His teaching revealed the importance of leaving the old behind and being transformed to new life in Him.

- Can you describe a pivotal moment when a transformed life helped you to know transformation?
- How is God calling you to repent in both general and specific ways – what is He asking you to leave behind?
- If you wanted to grow more in living out the power of repentance and transformation, where would you need to become more intentional?
- Jason said, “No matter where you've been, where you're at, repentance leads us to bear fruit to accomplish the will of our Father.” Who do you know that needs to be challenged by this statement? How could this parable of the two sons equip you to have a courageous conversation that person?

### RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

### PRAY

PRAY for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.