



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 21:33-46” on June 17 & 20, 2021

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 21:28-32 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 21:33-46

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 21:33-46 - Jesus teaches the Parable of the Wicked Tenants to show the religious leaders and the people Who He is and what that means for all people for all time.

WHO GOD IS: Our understanding of our purpose in this life is based on our recognition of who WE are in light of who HE is. God gives us opportunities to live our lives in alignment with His love or to choose our own way. Our choices may not always be the best, but God pursues us again and again. Jesus' stories and parables in Matthew repeated and repeated this message in common: Repent! Draw near to God!

- Share which attributes of God are the most meaningful to you, and why they are significant in your life. How will you praise Him this week for Who He is and what He means to you?
- Jason shared this: “The more we diminish repentance, the more we diminish grace...the more we diminish repentance, the more we can't see how much He loves us. We've diminished God and elevated man and woman.” How do you see this in our culture today, and what is the result of this? How does this play out in your own life?
- What is the balance each day in your thoughts and actions between 'About Me' and 'About Him'? How can you adjust that?
- Describe times and situations in which you have seen worldly conviction/grief overrule the desire for godly conviction/grief; what are the potential outcomes of each, and the eternal impact?

JESUS' LAST DAYS OF MINISTRY: Jesus used His last days to tell stories and parables that clearly demonstrated the opportunities everyone had been given to see Who He was as the Son of God; He made clear the choices people could make and what the outcome of those choices would be. He spoke repeatedly of the importance of bearing fruit and the importance of repentance.

- In the Parable of the Wicked Tenants, the servants sent by the owner to collect his fruit were beaten, stoned, and killed. The son was also killed, but vs. 39 indicates they first 'threw him out of the vineyard.' Why is this significant?
- In recent weeks we have repeatedly learned of Jesus' teachings about 'bearing fruit.' How has this parable shaped/affected/added to your personal perspective on what bearing fruit looks like in your life? To whom does your fruit belong? How do you see this playing out in our culture today?

THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED: Jesus quoted Psalm 118:23-23 to define who the true followers of God are; He was pointing to Himself as the Cornerstone of the Church, the Foundation of what the Church was meant to be, and He was showing that the kingdom of God would be given to people producing the fruit of it. His message that He had come for ALL the people was news to the religious leaders

- Study these passages referring to the stone of which Jesus spoke: Psalm 118 in its entirety; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Romans 9:30-33; 1 Corinthians 1:20-25
- What correlations to you see between what is happening in our culture today and the perspective of the Pharisees and Sadducees in Jesus' day in regard to these passages? How can we respond in obedience, bearing fruit for His kingdom?

BE LIKE ISAIAH: How can we respond to all we are learning of the kingdom of God in the Book of Matthew?

- Read Isaiah 6:1-10. How ready are you to tell the world how He's made you clean, to say, “Here am I. Send me!”?

RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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- 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.