

# GATHERING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **The Gospel According to Mark**

TITLE: **The Capstone**

BIG IDEA: God in his amazing grace sent Jesus—the rejected stone who became the Capstone—so we could gain an inheritance and become part of his family. **#JesusOurCapstone**

## BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read **Mark 12:1-2**

In what areas of your life do you struggle most with recognizing God as the creator and owner of all, and how does this affect your daily decisions?

How does the parable of the vineyard tenants challenge our modern tendency to claim ownership over our careers, possessions, and even our time?

Read **Mark 12:3-8**

Why do you think God continued to send servants to the rebellious tenants instead of immediately bringing judgment, and what does this reveal about His character?

What do we learn about the landlord (God) and his character as he continues give chances to the tenants (Israel) to do the right thing?

Read **Mark 12:9-12**

How does understanding Jesus as both the Cornerstone and Capstone change the way you view His role in your life and in all of creation?

What does it mean practically to live as a co-heir with Christ rather than as a servant, and how should this identity shape our relationships and priorities?

Why do you think Jesus tells this parable only days before he goes to the cross? Do you believe those in the crowd afterwards think back and understand that he was the son?

How does recognizing that we have thrown tantrums like toddlers saying mine for thousands of years help us approach God with humility and gratitude for His patience?

If we're all tenants in God's vineyard and co-heirs with Christ, how should that shape the way we share our time, resources, and burdens with one another as a church family?

Where do you see church acting more like "owners" than stewards (preferences, control, comfort), and how can you personally help realign under Jesus as our Capstone?

In what ways do we, like the tenants, respond to God's messengers with resistance or rejection when they call us to surrender control of our lives? When choose to surrender control how does this help in sharing the Gospel in word and deed?

When we pick up our cross and follow Jesus, how does this benefit those who may not be believers or give us a better opportunity to serve the hurting and broken in our community?

## GROWING IN CHRIST

## LIVING AS A FAMILY

## SHARING THE GOSPEL