

UPCOMING EVENTS:

EMPTY NESTER NIGHT - AUGUST 2ND

If you're an "empty nester" - we would love to have you join us for a fun night of bingo, food, music, and fun! Join Pastor Jeremiah and Cheri as we get to know each other better!

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT - AUGUST 7TH

18-30 years old and looking to connect with others in your season of life? Join us for this connect event on Friday, August 7th! Scan the QR code for all the deets!



PERSONAL NOTES:

LIFE GROUPS:

CHECK OUT A LIFE GROUP!

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!



MESSAGE NOTES

Reading Between The Lines // Week 10

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

*Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.'? Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce fruit." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet. **Matthew 21:33-46***

Pharisee are people who HEAR the message of Jesus,
UNDERSTAND that it is for them, but they still choose
to REJECT it.

Symptoms of a modern-day Pharisee:

1. They have a HEART problem.
2. They believe they don't need a SAVIOR.
3. They live a ME-CENTERED life.
4. They COVER their sin.

Our response to this parable: REPENT.

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and growing in our faith!

July 30th / Aug 2nd, 2026

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WARM UP

1. Have you ever realized halfway through a movie, conversation, or story that it was actually about you? What happened?

2. Why do you think Jesus taught in parables instead of always giving people the answers?

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KNOW IT

1. As you reflect on the parable of the tenants, remind yourself of the characters. Who did each represent?
(Landowner, Vineyard, Tenants, Servants, & the Son)

2. Read **Micah 6:6-8**. What is the difference between religious activity and true heart change?

3. Read **Luke 18:9-14**. What does each of their prayers reveal about their hearts? Why did the tax collector go home justified, and not the Pharisee?

4. Read **James 4:6-10**. What is God's posture towards both the proud and the humble? Which command stands out to you the most?

3

SHARE IT

1. Have you ever caught yourself focusing more on **looking** spiritually mature than actually **growing** spiritually?

2. Which of the four "symptoms" do you find yourself most tempted toward? What makes that one difficult for you?

- A HEART problem
- Act like you don't need a SAVIOR
- Live a ME-CENTERED life
- COVER up your sin instead of repent

3. What does living a "HE-centered" life look like in your current season?

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LIVE IT

1. Spend a few quiet moments asking God to search your heart (*Psalms 139:23-24*). Is there any area where you've been resisting his guidance or conviction?

2. Choose one intentional way to shift from a **me-centered** mindset to a **He-centered** one this week. How can your group encourage you?

3. Close by praying as a group - pray that each person would have a soft heart that responds quickly to Jesus rather than becoming comfortable with outward religion.