

Connect Group Guide: “The Vineyard Belongs to Him”



Passage: Mark 12:1-12

Sermon Link: [▶ The Vineyard Belongs To Him | The Gospel of Mark](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What was your favourite childhood story?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [▶ Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Do you think that God expects His people to bear fruit?
- What is the fruit that God expects from His people?

Read: Mark 12:1-12

- Do you think it was fair for the man to destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others? Why?
- God is the owner and His vineyard was Israel. How does this change the way you think about the parable?
- In what way are the Pharisees and the tenants of the vineyard the same?
- What do you think is the fruit that God expected to collect from them?
- God's vineyard was handed over to the disciples and apostles of the New Testament church. Who do you think are the tenants of the vineyard today?
- Why do you think that people forget that God owns the vineyard (their ministry)?
- We are all part of the 'royal priesthood' and are all commissioned to "go and make disciples". Why might it be hard for you to believe that you are also a tenant of the vineyard; that God will come and collect fruit from you too?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- God will come and collect fruit from His vineyard. In what way have you been tending to His vineyard as a faithful tenant should?
- How is God challenging you to remember that He is the owner of the vineyard, not you?
- No messenger will be sent after the son, the man himself will come to collect. How have you received and treated Jesus and the salvation He brings?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray in pairs for one another to acknowledge God as true owner of the vineyard and to be faithful tenants of God's people.

