



This week's sermon
Vineyard Keeper Called to Account
Mark 12:1-12

1. The vineyard owner is clearly a merciful and patient man. He does not seek justice immediately, but continues to give opportunities to do the right thing. This is a picture of Israel, who has had many opportunities to obey God. This is not true only of Israel, but of individuals also.
2. At Harvest, our vision is to increase the health and size of God's church, everywhere, because we want to be builders who do not need to be ashamed in the last day, but rather spend our lives doing something that will last.

Digging Deeper into the Message

How does 1 Peter 2: 4-10 describe Jesus?

How are His followers described?

Take some time to pray about new ways you can “proclaim the excellencies” of Jesus to those around you.

Read the account in Acts 4:1-22. List the bold claims made in verses 11 and 12.

Take time to meditate on Ephesians 2. Describe what God has done for you in this passage.

The last few verses use a metaphor, put this in your own words. What does this mean for you?

According to Romans 9:30-33, how can we attain righteousness?

Community Group

Icebreaker: Share a story about enjoying fall leaves. Or, where is the best place to see beautiful leaves?

Discussion Questions:

Read the sermon text, Mark 12:1-12. What makes you think or surprises you about this parable?

What do you envision when you think of a cornerstone?

Look up the definition of “cornerstone.”

How does this relate to what Jesus was saying?

Read the first MAP point. What are your thoughts on the patience of the vineyard owner?

Justice delayed does not mean that justice won’t be done. How can that be a freeing thought?

In what ways do you see God giving us many opportunities?

Read the second point. How do you see God’s church being built?

How do you see yourself fitting into the building of His church?

Are there ways to be involved that you’d like to pursue? What do you need to do this?

Read Isaiah 28:16 and share your thoughts on what this verse means to you.

Application: Did anyone have an opportunity to discuss truth with someone last week? If so, please share how it went. Start a conversation or continue one this week.