

THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS (Matthew 21:33-46)

What stood out to you from Ted's message this past Sunday?

Read Matthew 21:33-46

As you read the text, share some major themes from this week's scripture passage.

From the text, what stands out to you personally, or speaks loudest to you? Why?

Why does Jesus take time to engage those that oppose Him? Are there circles that place you in conversation with those that stand in opposition to Jesus? What makes those conversations so difficult?

What is your typical response when engaging in difficult spiritual conversations?

- "I walk away in frustration thinking bad thoughts (and bad words)!"
- "I don't like conflict."
- "There's a temptation to just be quiet; give up."
- "I want them to know Jesus and will continue to enter into conversation."
- Other: _____

The tenants acted in a way that demonstrated ownership of the vineyard. Why does ownership have a strong appeal to humanity than occupancy? Why is this significant to making Jesus lord of our lives?

See verse 43, "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits" The phrase "...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you..." What does this verse imply about the state of the American church and spiritual climate in general?

Final Question: What would it take for the American church to experience a heaven-sent revival? What are you willing to do about it?

RELATE—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)

Who is one person that you are going to invite to church next week?

