

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 24/25, 2025

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: *What big step in your past did you seriously consider, but ultimately decided against pursuing?*

SET THE STAGE: *Jesus tells a story in our passage today that hits directly at the leaders and people of Israel. Their rejection of the prophets, and eventually of Jesus Himself, put them at odds with God's plan for His kingdom. Jesus' call to follow Him was clear to everyone. He was claiming authority as the rightful owner of the people of Israel, and the religious leaders would not stand for it. They were intent on pushing Him away, just as mankind has continued to do for centuries. Either we push Him away or we build our lives on Him, there isn't a third option.*

STORY or READ THE PASSAGE: *Mark 12:1-12*

HEAD QUESTIONS:

What catches your attention in this simple parable of the tenants?
What do you think it means that the vineyard will be given to others?
How would you say the church is doing today as a "tenant" of the vineyard?

HEART QUESTIONS:

What do you think it means to make Jesus the cornerstone of your life?
Has there been a time in your life when you struggled against authority?
If so, what did you learn about yourself?
What in your life gives evidence of Jesus' authority right now?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

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Jesus did not shy away from speaking truth to people who didn't want to hear it. What does it look like to follow Jesus in that example?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER