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God himself handed over his Son. Nothing greater or harder has ever happened. Or ever will.

- John Piper

**Primary Text: Luke 20:1-18 (Wicked Tenants)**

**1. Pray (2 mins)**

**Pause. Acknowledge you are about to open God's word.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

**2. Warm-Up (20 mins)**

**Prepare our minds to receive.**

- How was the homework? Any discoveries you would like to share?
- Accountability: How is your walk with the Lord? Have you met with the Lord today or even this week? Would you say you are spiritually healthy right now?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

**3. Illuminate (30 mins)**

**On the reverse side of this page you will find our text. Use this page to circle/underline/connect.**

- What was Jesus in the process of doing in the previous chapter – Luke 19? Where is Jesus now in Luke 20?
- Being politically correct, the priests, scribes and elders, carefully navigate and answer Jesus' question in v. 4 to avoid stoning. What do we know about Jesus that they forgot?
- In this parable of the wicked tenants, what is Jesus actually talking about? What analogy is being made? (consider: owner, vineyard, tenants, owner's son)
- In verse 16, Jesus' audience responds, "Surely Not!" following a foreshadowing of a coming Judgment and withdrawal of blessing. Why should this response be significant to us?
- Why is our understanding of the word cornerstone in v.18 so important? What other passages help us with this prophetic word picture?
- Verse 18 describes two different events involving the stone, what are they?
- This Bible changes us. How did this text land on your heart? How does it change us?
- The truths of the Bible are meant to be shared. Let's close our Bibles and notes and try to walk through this text together as a group from memory.

**4. Pray (10 mins)**

**Use this time to pray specifically. What does this text lead you to pray for in your own life and in the life of others?**

### **TEXT: Luke 20:1-18**

One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up <sup>2</sup> and said to him, “Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority.” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, <sup>4</sup> was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?” <sup>5</sup> And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ <sup>6</sup> But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.” <sup>7</sup> So they answered that they did not know where it came from. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

### **The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

<sup>9</sup> And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup> When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup> But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?”

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”