

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Date: June 16, 2019

Mark 12:1-12

1. The big question last week was, “How do you welcome God’s work?” Have you found it difficult to welcome God’s work when he didn’t work in ways that you would have expected or maybe even ways that you might have wanted him to work?
2. Last week, Pastor Craig emphasized the kindness of the builder toward the tenants by building a fenced vineyard and leasing it out to them. How has God shown his kindness toward you?
3. Read Luke 13:31-35. Based on this passage, about whom do you think Jesus was speaking when he mentioned the servants of the master who had been beaten, stoned, and killed?
4. Mark 12:10-11 is a quotation from Psalm 118:22, 23, but the apostles saw it as a prophecy. Read Acts 4:5-12. Who did the apostles understand to be the cornerstone who had been rejected? How did they use this information to communicate the gospel?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:9. Why does God withhold his judgment? Why should we not mistake God’s patience for weakness or laziness.
6. The whole idea of a wrathful God is not popular in Western culture today. However, if we read the Bible honestly, there is no way to avoid understanding God as a God of mercy and justice, of wrath and grace. Read Matthew 10:28. Based on this verse, what should the wrath of God motivate you to do? What does an appropriate “fear” of the Lord look like?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Mark 2:10-11. Discuss how you can avoid the sin of rejecting Jesus in your everyday life.