

The Book of Mark

A Question of Authority

The Passage:

Mark 12:1-12

The Questions:

- 1. How has Jesus used parables in the book of Mark? Why does Jesus communicate using parables?
- 2. Who are the main characters in this passage?
- 3. Who do the following elements represent?
 - a. The land owner
 - b. The vineyard
 - c. The tenants/farmers
 - d. The land owner's servant's
 - e. The Son
 - f. The other tenants (vs 9)
- 4. How did the tenants respond to the land owner's representatives?
- 5. In a sentence, what is the message that Jesus is trying to communicate in this parable?
- 6. Where does Jesus quote from in verses 10-11? Why does He say this?
- 7. Who is Jesus speaking this parable to and how did they respond?
- 8. Like the tenants, we also reject and disobey Gods will for us. What is one way that you could obey God today? Is there anything you need to surrender to Him?