

STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
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[set up]

Out of the following words, which one would you say best describes your relationship with Christ:

Faithful Surrendered Compliant Hesitant Doubtful
Resistant Rebellious Fruitful Fruitless Apathetic
Passionate Exhilarating Sacrificial Confused
Other _____ (if you can think of one that feels like a better fit)

Share why you picked the word you did and whether or not you are satisfied with it.

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 20:9-18.

Who is represented by the people/items Jesus uses in the story?

The man/owner of vineyard	_____
The vineyard (Clues: Isaiah 5:1-7, Jer. 12:10)	_____
Tenants/vinedressers	_____
Son of vineyard owner	_____
Servants (Clues: Jer. 2:30, 26:7-11, 38:1-28; Heb. 11:32-38)	_____
The "others"	_____

Now next to each person/item, write one word that best describes them based on your observations.

Summarize what Jesus was trying to communicate with this parable.

What do you learn about God's character through this parable?

What do you learn about how we should respond to God and His character through this parable?

This parable is seen in three of the four Gospels, which means it made a great impact as Jesus told it. There is a distinction of the “others” in the same account in Matthew 21, verse 43. What is it?

What does that tell you about God’s expectations?

Making it personal:

How are we considered “tenants of the vineyard” God has given us?

Who are people in your life that have rejected the message of the Gospel? What does this passage say about their fate?

What are some practical ways that you can pray for them to see the life they can have if they surrender to Christ as Savior?

What are some “messengers” God uses to get our attention?

What is “fruit”? How can we become more fruitful Christians?

[living it out]

Go back to the original words at the beginning of this study. Look again at the word you selected. If you are not satisfied with that word, what word would you rather have best describe your relationship with Christ?

What can you:

Pray to God in the hopes it changes for the better?

Do as an intentional action step toward making progress in this area?

When will you begin?

Who can you invite to help you and encourage you?

How can they best help you? (Share it with them.)

Can this LifeGroup check up on you and help keep you accountable to follow up by asking about this?