

DISCUSSION IDEAS
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Mark 12:1-12

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: REJECTION OF THE MESSIAH.**

For context, remember the setting for this passage?

What was Jesus making very clear?

What was the response of the Jewish leaders?

Read the parable Jesus told in Mark 12:1-12, and then read the passage in Isaiah 5:1-7.

List the similarities.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: HOW TO UNDERSTAND A PARABLE.**

Certain principles need to be clearly understood as we try to understand parables.

1. A parable is a teaching story. It was not always intended to make a point clear. Jesus often used parables to make a point, but to leave His enemies confused.
2. Parables communicate one main idea. (Though preachers do it all the time, we should not search for meaning in each and every detail of the parable.)
3. Stories have settings and characters and action. All of these together convey the one main idea intended.

So:

What is the main idea Jesus is teaching through this parable?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: ELEMENTS OF THIS STORY.**

The Vineyard: How does Isa. 5:6 define the vineyard?

The Tenants: In the context of Mark 12, who were the Tenants?

How did Jesus' description match the reality of His situation?

Did the leaders "get it"? Look at Mark 12:12.

The Landowner: What did Jesus emphasize about the "Landowner"?

What does the story really make clear about God's patience?

Compare 2 Peter 3:9

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT FOUR: THE SON!!!**

Re-read Mark 12:6-8.

Compare Mark 8:31, and then Mark 12:12.

Discuss the amazing love of Jesus and His determined journey to the cross!

He did not just take the risk that He might die!

When did Jesus decide to die for our sins? Read 1 Peter 1:17-20.

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♦ **FURTHER THOUGHT AND MEDITATION:**

There is a sobering truth to ponder from this passage; there is a limit to God's patience.

Note that in less than 40 years after Jesus death and resurrection, Jerusalem and the temple were totally destroyed, in accordance with Jesus' prophesy.

Jewish worship and power of Jewish leadership disintegrated.

God's patience is something for which to be grateful, not something to be tested. Look at Heb. 12:5-6.

Think about how God's LOVE is demonstrated by His patience.

As you pray for your unsaved friends, what do you ask God for them?

They still have to make the decision.

Review Romans 5:10: God loved us while we were still His ENEMIES!

Read 2 Peter 3:1-13: How does the idea of mockers, or scoffers, apply equally to unbelievers, as well as to some believers?

Why does God work through my prayers in order to reach them?

♦ **PRAYER:**

Pray for our individual relationships and our witness to those in our lives.

In what ways will my life influence them?

How significant are my prayers for them?

Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there.

Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be seen in Barangonan Island.

Pray for Eddie, as he grows in Christ and takes on greater responsibilities on Barangonan Island.