



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER How great Thou art
The splendour of the king (How great is our God)
PRAYER
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Holy, lift up his name
At your name, (Lord of all the earth)
BIBLE READING Luke 20:9-19 (Church Bible page 1107)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Just as I am (I come broken)



The problem of the heart. (Parable of the Tenants).

Luke 20:9-19

1. The _____ of the human heart.

"Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?" Luke 20:2 NIV

'He replied, "I will also ask you a question. Tell me, John's baptism—was it from heaven, or from men?" Luke 20:4 NIV

'He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard." Luke 20:9 NIV

'My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.' Isaiah 5:1-2, 7 NIV

'A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.' Luke 20:9-12 NIV

"This is the heir," they said. "Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." Luke 20:14 NIV

2. The _____ of the human heart.

'Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'" Luke 20:13 NIV

'And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" Luke 3:21-22 NIV

'But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.' Luke 20:14-15 NIV

'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'
Luke 23:34 NIV

3. The _____ of God to the human heart.

'What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?' Luke 20:15 NIV

'The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' Matthew 21:43 NIV

'Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.'" Luke 20:17-18 NIV

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!' Luke 19:38 NIV

'So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!"' Luke 20:15-16 NIV

'Jesus looked directly at them?' Luke 20:17 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Where was Jesus and what was he doing when the religious leaders approached him with a question? What was their question and what lay behind it? How did Jesus field the question? Why couldn't they answer his counter-question? Luke 20:2-4
2. Read the Parable of the Tenants in Luke 20:9-19.
 - How does v9 reflect Genesis 2?
 - In what way do 'some farmers' represent mankind? God's people? (Isaiah 5:1-7)
 - What was the owner's desire?
 - How were the tenants blessed?
 - Read v10. What reveals the corruption of the tenants?
 - Read v11-15. What was in the owner's heart when he sent servants? To what extent did he persist? What does this reveal about the heart of the owner?
 - How did the tenants' evil actions escalate? What does this reveal about fallen man? What will the owner do?
 - How was this parable fulfilled by Jesus?
 - Who are the builders who have rejected the cornerstone, and who does the cornerstone represent?
3. How would you respond to someone who rejected this entire parable by saying: *"The owner was really naïve and stupid! What did he expect would happen to his son? Who would want to believe in a naïve and stupid God?"*
4. It is easy to celebrate God's love, but are you able to say, "it is marvellous in my eyes" when you contemplate God's judgment? Why or why not?
5. We tend to think of warnings as something bad, a message of judgment. How are God's warnings to us a sign of His grace?
6. What does this parable say about God's patience with people today?

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