

# VILLAGE

## CHURCH

### Bible Study Notes

**Intro Question:**

1. Are you a yes person or a no person?

**Pray:** for God's help to be a yes person to Jesus

**Read:** Matthew 21:1-22:14

**Questions about the passage:**

1. Split into pairs or individuals and take a section each (21:1-17, 21:18-32, 21:33-46, 22:1-14).
2. Report back to the group on what you think the text means. For instance, what does it show about Jesus, or what Jesus' people should be like, or what will happen to those who reject/accept Jesus' message?
3. Do you notice any links in the passages?

**Questions for us:**

- What implications does 21:12-17 have for what we should/shouldn't do at Church?
- Why did the Pharisee's and teachers of the law reject Jesus? Why do people today?
- Do you see evidence of 'good fruit' in your life? What's one thing God seems to be doing in you?
- How does the parable of the wedding banquet speak to you today?

**Pray:** for specific people to repent and believe in Jesus

**Homework:** read Revelation for Church Camp

**Remind:** no Church on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March (after camp)

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For the next bunch of weeks, until Easter, we will be working through the end of Matthew's gospel (starting at chapter 17) as Jesus continues his ministry up to it's final endpoint - his death & resurrection.

This week, Jesus reminds us of who he is and why we should repent and believe.

#### Questions about the passage:

- *Split into pairs or individuals and take a section each (21:1-17, 21:18-32, 21:33-46, 22:1-14).*

Encourage people to wrestle with the texts. Here is my summary of the whole section. These texts show that Jesus is the King. But not the King the Pharisees and teachers of the law expected. They are unrepentant and seek to resist Jesus, they have born no fruit and shown themselves to be unfaithful tenants and sons. It's only the repentant, who have clothed themselves in Jesus who will be welcome at the wedding feast.

- *Report back to the group on what you think the text means. For instance, what does it show about Jesus, or what Jesus' people should be like, or what will happen to those who reject/accept Jesus' message?*

Encourage people to ask questions of each other's sections also.

- *Do you notice any links in the passages?*

Jesus' authority/legitimacy comes up. The unfaithfulness of the leaders of Israel.

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#### Questions for us:

- What implications does 21:12-17 have for what we should/shouldn't do at Church? Reflect on greed/people growing wealthy from the Church at the expense of the poor.

- Why did the Pharisee's and teachers of the law reject Jesus? Why do people today? A good opportunity to discuss what this looks like in our culture.

- Do you see evidence of 'good fruit' in your life? What's one thing God seems to be doing in you?

For instance, is there a sin you are finding some victory over. Or have you loved someone in a way that you wouldn't have previously?

- How does the parable of the wedding banquet speak to you today?

An opportunity to consider the situation of those who will be kicked out of the feast, but also the undeserved privilege of those who get to stay.