



WEEK 7: THE PARABLE OF THE EVIL FARMERS

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

The sermon explores the rejection of Jesus by religious leaders who were unwilling to accept His message that called for humility and submission. They preferred to maintain their self-righteousness and pride ultimately choosing to crucify Him rather than heed the truth. This rejection serves as a reminder that accepting the Kingdom involves surrendering our pride and recognizing our need for Jesus' grace. Jesus confronts our beliefs to line up with Truth and realign our hearts with His.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Matthew 21:33-46 (NLT)

Luke 20:9-19 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Condition of the Heart

Jesus' message is confronting—it calls for real heart change and submission, not outward appearances that increases us.

- a. Where have outward appearances become more important than the heart condition in our lives? Why?
- b. What are some places Jesus is trying to heal the condition of your heart? How are you responding, and what are you learning?

2 Learning Truth

The parable highlights how the religious leaders rejected prophets and Jesus for delivering messages they didn't like.

- a. In **Luke 20:9-19**, the parable illustrates rejection of the messengers. How can we learn from this to be more receptive to truth, even if it challenges us?
- b. Think about someone in your life who speaks truth. How do you respond to them, and what can you do to listen better when they challenge your views?

3 Kingdom Acceptance

The sermon pointed out that the Kingdom accepts those who might not feel they fit in or are good enough, which flips our usual expectations.

- a. Why do you think Jesus' message is considered good news for the poor in spirit and those who feel unworthy?
- b. Have you ever felt unworthy or out of place? How can the idea of being accepted in the Kingdom influence how you see yourself and others?

4 Standing Firm in Jesus

The prophets and apostles are examples of facing persecution for their beliefs, speaking the truth in love.

- a. What should Christians do when their beliefs make them unpopular or lead to conflict, like the apostles mentioned in the sermon?
- b. How might you gracefully stand firm in Jesus' teaching when faced with opposition?

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Personal Reflection

Sometimes we **need** Jesus to confront our beliefs because His ways are life-giving and ours are not.

- Where in your life might you be resisting Jesus because His way confronts your expectations, comfort, or control?
- How might Jesus be inviting you to exchange self-reliance for grace—and what would it look like to truly accept that invitation today?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Each day this week, talk to Jesus and write:

- Ask God, where am I resisting His voice?
- Ask Him, how can I live in obedience today?

Ask the Holy Spirit to help guide you in Spirit and truth daily.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

Closing Scripture:

Romans 8:31 (NIV): *"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

Let the group rest in that promise as you close together in prayer.

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