



Week of Oct 29 - a

Scripture: Mt 21:33-46

Main Idea: Jesus confronts the sins of the chief priests and pharisees even further. He tells a story about a man who planted a vineyard, hired tenants to work it, and at harvest time sent servants to gather the fruit. The tenants killed the servants sent by the master. Eventually the master sent his son, thinking they would respect him. But they killed him as well. The master eventually would come with great vengeance. In the story, Jesus is the son, the master is God, and the tenants are the chief priests and elders (and forefathers). How sad God must have been that the religious leaders of his people rejected his prophets and even his own son Jesus.

Questions

Preschool: Do you think it was hard for God to watch people mistreat Jesus?

Grade school: Do you think after Jesus told them this that they understood he was talking about them? They were the tenants that killed the servants (prophets). Do you think they understood that Jesus KNEW what was going to happen and that Jesus was the 'master's son'? The parable was about Jesus going to the cross.

Teen: God tried to reach his people through the prophets to the greatest messenger, his own son. The priest and pharisees knew Jesus was talking to them, but they still didn't change course. Are there times you know Jesus is saying you are moving in the wrong direction? What helps you get back on track?

Adult: When the landowner sent servants, the tenants beat, stoned and killed them. When he sent his son, he was also killed. What do you think would have happened if the landowner had come himself? Would they have respected him? It is interesting that in verse 45, the leaders knew Jesus was talking about them but rather than change because of the discussions, they looked for a way to arrest him; to make him be silent. Do we feel the same way if someone convicts us of sin in our lives? Are we happy to have our failings brought to light?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY: For God to help more and more people humble themselves and believe in his son Jesus

October Memory Verse:

Psalm 103:12 (ESV)
12 as far as the east is from
the west, so far does he
remove our transgressions
from us.



Week of Oct 29 - b

Scripture: Mt 22:23-33

Main Idea: The Sadducees tried to trick Jesus regarding the topic of life after death, in which they didn't believe. They present a scenario which to them would logically disprove belief in a resurrection (heaven & hell). Jesus, however, amazes them with his wisdom by pointing to an Old Testament scripture they were familiar with which shows that there is and will be life after death.

Questions

Preschool: Does Jesus refer to people in Heaven as living or dead? What is going to be so great about going to heaven?

Grade school: Verse 30, "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." The Sadducees made a mistake because they had assumed that life after the resurrection would be the same as it was currently, including marriage. There is so much more that will be different because God is going to change us! But we won't know till we get there!

Teen: Who is God the God of? Does doubting something make it any less real?

Adult: What do you think the Sadducees would have said if Jesus had told them that the woman would be the first man's wife—or any of the men's wives at the resurrection? They could not prove or disprove it. How would you have reacted if Jesus told you that you did not know the Scriptures? Did the Sadducees feel the same way? He then went on to tell the Sadducees the answer to their question. Do you believe that Jesus got tired of trick questions, or do you think he enjoyed being able to avoid arguments like this one? Why?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY: Thanksgiving to God for the hope we have in eternal life because of Jesus

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