

OWNER WANNABES AND THE VINEYARD

(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 56)

April 11, 2021

Walking through the passage: Matthew 21:33–46

THE PROBLEM WITH OUR HEARTS:

We're all _____ but think and act like

we're _____

THE GRACIOUS HEART OF GOD:

God is incredibly _____

GOD'S GRACE WON'T LAST FOREVER:

What they had was given to _____

Fill-ins: tenants; the owner; patient; others

Life Group Questions for the Week of April 11, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. If you were an absentee landlord and had to find trustworthy tenants, what would you look for?
3. What are the characteristics of tenants who act like owners?
4. It's easy for us to do the same as those tenants with the things we have. What principles do you see in 1 Chronicles 29:10-17 that could help you remember who the real owner of everything you have is? How does 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 expand the idea of ownership and what God ultimately wants us to do with what he has given us?
5. As owner, God doesn't exist to fulfill our agenda. In 1 Samuel 4:1-11 we find the Israelites expecting him to do just that. This story deals with the Ark of the Covenant, which to them was a symbol of God's presence and power. Over time, they began to believe that the physical presence of the Ark would cause God to bail them out of any situation they had gotten themselves into. What's surprising about what happened in this story?

Can you think of any modern-day examples of how we expect things from God or expect him to work in certain ways that in reality he has not promised us?
6. If this had been your vineyard, how would you have responded to the tenants?
7. What do 2 Peter 3:9 and Romans 2:4,5 say about God's patience with people today?
8. How would you summarize what we learn about God and about man from this passage?