

Luke 20 – How do we challenge God?

Vs. 1-8 - Who are you?

Is it appropriate for leaders to check out other leaders? Why?

Why did Jesus not acknowledge the chief priest and teachers of the law with a direct answer?

Vs. 9-19 – Who wants to be God?

Vs 9-14

Have you ever had someone under you like these people? What is their real desire?

Vs 15-19

“May it never be!” Does this refer to the killing of the son or the killing of the tenants?

What had the Jewish leaders done that made them think this parable was directed at them?

How/where in your life do you try to become God?

What is the difference between trying to become God and trying to become like God?

Vs. 19- 44 – Are you sure?

Vs. 19-26

Where/when in your life have you “pretended”? Why?

What joy is there in looking to trap someone?

How did Jesus answer the pretenders?

How can you use Jesus’ example when you answer questions?

Vs 27-44

How can you tell if a question is insincere?

What hope does Jesus’ answer give you concerning the future?

What does it take to have you stop questioning someone’s authority?

Vs 45-47- Watch out for those who want to be God!

Who do you know that fits this description?

Would anyone mistake you as a person like this?

Bible Reading:

Luke 20:1-19

Isaiah 5:1-7

Matthew 21:33-46

Acts 4:1-31

1 Peter 2:1-12

Psalms 118 (bonus reading)

Discussion Questions:

Jesus' original audience very well understood this week's parable. In the reading from Isaiah you'll discover how God used the image of a vineyard to describe His relationship with Israel. Psalm 118 is a psalm of thanksgiving for forgiveness. David probably did not write it, but it does look forward to Christ.

How do you respond to authority?

What might the Jewish people have thought of when Jesus used the image of the vineyard? (see Isaiah 5)

Who were the tenants in the story?

Who were the servants in the story?

Who is the son in the story?

What is Jesus thinking about when He tells this parable?

Why do you think Jesus uses such strong language in this parable?

What is the difference between a cornerstone and a capstone? Does it make any difference in the meaning of Luke 20:17,18?

Where do you see images of Christ in the poetry of Psalm 118?

How does the psalmist respond to the cornerstone in Psalm 118?

What do you learn about God from this parable? How does that impact the way you feel toward God?

How does God expect us to receive Jesus?

What do you learn about yourself from this parable? If there is a decision you need to make, when will you make it.

Possible prayer focuses:

- Attitude Toward God's Authority
- Acknowledgement of God's Ownership

- Praise God Our Provider
- Acceptance of Jesus
- Handling of Confrontation