

FAITH: KNOWING OUR PLACE IN LIFE
Mark 12:1-12

Open with Praise Time: *“Loving Relationships”* – What opportunity did you have to show the true unselfish love of God to someone this week?

Scripture: Mark 12:1-12

LESSON PLAN



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters.

Ask: What did it take in the old days to get together a lynch mob?

Transition: The loudest or most passionate talkers of the day often take our eyes off the truth that everything good is a gift from God. Everything belongs to Him and He has given us life and allowed us to use His things.

The Bottom Line: The earth and everything in it belongs to the Lord. God has trusted us with His belongings. Do we know our place in life?



Apply: application ideas for both individual and family.

Background: *Jesus has entered Jerusalem for the final week on earth, the Passion Week. People are praising Him as God’s chosen One who has come. Jesus went into the temple and it was so corrupt that He made a whip and began to chase all the religious vendors out. The chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders confront Jesus demanding to know what right he has to do these things. Who gave Him such authority? So, Jesus answers their unbelief with a story.*

Read Mark 12:1-12

1. What is a parable?
2. Why would the owner come back to a property he had rented and then expect the renters to give him some of their crops?



How are you and I just renting?

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Do we owe God anything?

3. Describe the quality of this rental property?



How is the life God has given you like this villa in the country?

4. So when the owner sent the servants to collect the rent, what did the renters do?

Mark Moore points out that this word for “beat” can also mean to flay or flog someone. We can assume it was brutal since they killed some of them.

Read Hebrews 11:32-40

5. How would this relate to the story Jesus is telling?



Interactive Teaching Ideas: What are some of the ways we refuse to pay the rent to our landlord, who happens to be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

6. After all that had happened and considering the darkness of the hearts of these tenants, why would the father send his only son, whom he loved, to these wolves? What made him think they would respect the son?
7. What was the reasoning behind the renters wanting to kill the son? *(They must have figured the owner was dead or he surely would not send his only son after what they have done to the servants. If they kill the heir, no one will be left to claim the land and they can keep it.)*



What groups of people today want to do away with the Son?



What lesson do you think Jesus wants us to apply today?

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CARING TIME: SHARE AND PRAY

Share the bottom line: The earth and everything in it belongs to the Lord. God has trusted us with His belongings.

Prayer: Praise God for such an incredible gift to be called His Son. Pray for the knowledge to know what it truly means to be called His son. Ask to listen always to the Holy Spirit's promptings in our faith.