

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is the best fruit picking farm you have been to?” (where you pick your own) **

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. Jesus had just thrown the money changers and animal sellers out of the Temple grounds, saying, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.’” The religious leaders made it clear that they did not believe He had the authority to do this. Jesus responded to them with a parable about a vineyard owner and tenant farmers.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 12:1-12.** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - In Jesus’ parable, what would you say motivated the farmers to do what they did?
 - When the religious leaders realized Jesus was telling this story about them, their response was anger. Rather than wanting to arrest Jesus, how else could they have responded?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - What does the vineyard owner’s willingness to keep sending servants show about God?
 - What does the owner sending his dearly loved son show about God?
 - What does the judgment of the farmers show about God?
 - Name some areas of our lives that we should view God as the owner and ourselves as God’s tenant farmers?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*

*** Reading from different translations often helps.*