



## Stewards Not Owners

**Series:** Kingdom Stories For Everyday Life

**Scripture:** Matthew 21:33-46

The parables were meant to blast people into new \_\_\_\_\_, new \_\_\_\_\_, and new \_\_\_\_\_.

The land owner went above and beyond in setting up a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Characters:

- Landowner = \_\_\_\_\_
- Tenants = \_\_\_\_\_
- Servants = \_\_\_\_\_
- Son = \_\_\_\_\_

It's all an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ history.

### Key lessons for us:

1. God's incredible \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v33 - he \_\_\_\_\_, set, dug, \_\_\_\_\_, lent, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The landowner placed a phenomenal amount of \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - There is an \_\_\_\_\_ to God's patience.
2. We now have the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We're going to be held \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
  - We're \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God has given us all that we need to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ as God's people.
3. The crucified Christ is still the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - As we place him \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives, at the very center, the fruit that God seeks will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and be seen in our lives.

**Start Talking.**

- Have you ever heard a story that changed your perspective once you understood the meaning?
- Why do you think Jesus often used stories (parables) instead of just stating truth directly?
- When have you realized you misunderstood something after having a sudden “aha” moment?

**Start Thinking:**

- In the parable, what does the landowner do to prepare the vineyard? What does this reveal about God?
- Why is the behavior of the tenants so shocking?
- What do the servants and the son represent in this story?
- Why do the religious leaders answer Jesus’ question so confidently?
- What does Jesus mean when He says the rejected stone becomes the cornerstone?

**Start Sharing:**

- The tenants began acting like owners instead of stewards. Where are we tempted to do the same?
- What “fruit” do you think God desires to see in our lives?
- How does remembering that everything belongs to God change the way we live?
- Is there an area of your life where Christ isn’t truly the cornerstone?

**Start Praying:**

- Thank God for His patience and grace.
- Ask God to help you live as a faithful steward rather than acting like an owner.
- Pray that Christ would truly be the cornerstone of your life.
- Ask God to produce spiritual fruit in your life that reflects Him.

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Identify one area of your life that you need to surrender back to God this week.
- Look for one practical way to bear fruit (serve, forgive, encourage, give, share your faith).
- Spend time reflecting on what it means for Jesus to be the cornerstone of your life.
- Intentionally thank God daily for what He has entrusted to you and ask how to steward it well.