

Bible Study in Matthew 21 28-39
For Home Groups in the week commencing 31st October 2011.

Welcome.

Q: What is one of the most memorable presents you have been given?

Word.

Q: Why is what Jesus says in v31b so shocking – then and now?

*Q: Read **Matthew 21:23-39***

Q: What does the vineyard represent (specifically and generally)? who do the tenant farmers represent (specifically then, and generally now)? And what does the Owner expect from his Tenants?

Q: What has God given us? What does God expect from humanity?

Q: How do the Tenant Farmers behave and how do we behave?

Q: According to the context are the Tenant Farmers those who see themselves as “atheists” or those who see themselves as “good, religious people”?

Q: How can being ‘Religious’ encourage us to think that God owes us favour/blessing?

Q: How can being ‘Religious’ encourage us to look down on those who don’t perform the truth as we define it?

*Q: Read **Matthew 21:28-32***

Q: Which of the two Sons represents ‘the Religious people’?

Q: Why can no-one be good enough for God?(see Matthew 5v48, Rom 3v10, Roms 3v23)? Therefore we are all both naturally religious “surely I am good enough for God” and also no-better than Tax Collectors and Sinners.

Q: What is the fundamental difference between the two Sons?

Q: Why does the Landowner send his Son? Why is this incredible and what does it teach us about God’s view of us?

Q: Practically speaking, what does God want from us?