



The Gospel of Luke



Week 21 Discussion Questions

Week of 2/26/23

Text: Luke 20:1-26

Icebreaker: What's your overall impression of people who have authority over some area of your life (home, work, broader society, etc.)?

1. Take a look at Luke 19:45-48 and then read 20:1-2. Why do you think the religious leaders are so interested in...or bothered by...what the source is of Jesus's authority?

Application: If someone asked you about Jesus's authority, how would you answer?

2. In verses 3-8, what do you think Luke's description of the religious leaders' private discussion reveals about their motivations?

Application: What can we learn about the wisdom and insight of Jesus from his exchange with these leaders? How could Jesus's wisdom be an encouragement for your life right now?

3. Read verses 9-19. How would you describe the actions of the owner of the vineyard as he sends out servants, and then his beloved son in verses 9-13?

Application: Where have you witnessed God's patience in your own life or the lives of those around you?

4. The parable ends with the tenants being destroyed and the vineyard being given to others. What does this depict about the role of people in the unfolding of God's mission or purposes?

Application: Do you think it's possible for us to adopt a similar attitude as what the tenants had? If so, what can we do to guard ourselves against it?

5. Using Psalm 118, Jesus vividly depicts how differently he is received. What have you seen so far in Luke that backs up what Jesus is teaching here?

Application: How do you think people view Jesus in your own experience at home, work, your city, or the broader culture?

Building Christ-centered communities of people fully devoted to loving God and loving others.

6. Read verses 19-26. Why is it important that Jesus “perceived their craftiness” as verse 23 states?

Application: Episodes like this one reinforce that Jesus remains in control even when the circumstances seem stacked against him. How does this relate to the level of confidence we should have in his authority?

7. Read Genesis 1:26-27. Whose likeness is Caesar’s? What does this say about God’s authority in comparison to Caesar’s?

Application: This is a complex topic, but what’s one area of life where you have experienced the tension of how to “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s?” Pray for each other—that you might have wisdom in how to live in this world in a way that honors God’s authority over all things.