

## The Parable of the Tenants - Luke 20:9-19

**Topics:** Criticism, Enemies, Hardheartedness, Jesus Christ, Mediator, Peer Pressure, Prophecy, Punishment, Unfairness

### Open It

- \* 1. Why do you think stories often communicate better than lectures?
- 2. How has peer pressure ever affected your actions?

### Explore It

- \* 3. Why did Jesus choose to tell the people a parable in this situation? (20:9, 19)
- 4. What are the main points of the parable Jesus told? (20:9-16)
- 5. Whom does the man who planted the vineyard represent? (20:9)
- 6. Whom do the servants the owner sent to the vineyard represent? (20:10-12)
- 7. How were the servants treated? (20:10-12)
- 8. Whom do the tenants in the story represent? (20:10, 19)
- 9. Why did the owner send his son to the vineyard? (20:13)
- 10. What is the inheritance to which the tenants referred? (20:14)
- 11. How will the owner of the vineyard respond to the terrible actions of the tenants? (20:16)
- \* 12. How did the people listening to Jesus respond to the parable? (20:16)
- 13. What is the meaning of the Scripture that Jesus quoted? (20:17-18)
- \* 14. How did the religious leaders react to Jesus' teaching? (20:19)
- 15. How did the mood of the people affect the actions of the religious leaders? (20:19)

### Get It

- 16. In what ways can the threat of criticism affect our decisions?
- \* 17. What does this parable tell us about the fate that awaits those who reject Jesus as the Messiah?
- 18. How does this passage motivate you to share your faith with unbelievers?
- 19. Who are the servants of Christ?
- \* 20. In what ways have people not treated the servants of Christ properly?
- 21. How does God want us to treat those who serve Him and spread the message of Christ?
- 22. What will God do to people who mistreat His servants?
- 23. How can we avoid letting the crowd make our decisions for us?

### Apply It

- \* 24. What people could you reach this week with the news of God's mercy? How?
- 25. Over the next few days, what can you do to support or encourage a person devoted to telling others about Christ?