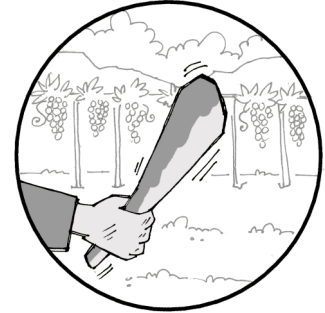


Lesson #2-27***Parable of the Wicked Tenants***

Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]

**Key Verse:**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
Mark 12:10

The Point:

We are called to serve God and build God's kingdom.

Unit Theme (March 1—March 22)

The Call to Serve

Care for the Kingdom

Compare owning and caretaking.

Supplies:

- † White board or mural paper
- † Marker

Instructions:

1. **Our story today is about caretakers. We have been talking about God's kingdom, and what it means that Jesus is bringing in the kingdom. We have seen God's promises kept throughout the centuries, and now those promises are being fulfilled in Jesus.**
2. **Think for a minute of the things that you own. Turn to those around you and list some of those things. What does it mean to you to own them?** Allow participants time to discuss. When they are finished, ask those who are willing to share, and write some of their responses on the white board or mural paper.
3. **What does it mean to be a caretaker? For what things in your life are you a caretaker? How do you think differently of those things than of the things that you own?** Allow participants time to discuss. When they are finished, ask those who are willing to share, and write some of their responses on the white board or mural paper. Discuss the different responses to owning something or to caring for something on behalf of someone else.
4. **Sometimes, we forget that all that we have is God's, and we are merely the caretakers. We take things for granted. We do not share all that we have. God has created a world of "enough," and if we shared our resources, all people would have what they need. From the beginning, God has cared for all people—and now it is our turn to care for them as well.**