



Big Idea: God will replace those building their own kingdoms with those who are building their lives on him.

Are you an armchair quarterback? Do you quickly call for the coach to replace a player with his back up when he fails to perform?

1) Replacements for those indicted for the murder of God's Son. (21:33-41)

This parable tells the history of the world. God has been at work like a farmer cultivating a vineyard since the beginning of creation. Do you see yourself as part of the story? What impact does the truth that God has planted you and is cultivating you have on your perspective? How is Harvest Bible Chapel part of the story?

God has some work to get done in his vineyard. What assignments has God given you to do until he returns?

The tenants, representing religious leaders entrusted with responsibility for God's work, forgot how dependent they were on the master. Do you ever mistake the apparent absence of God as the apathy of God? How does reminding yourself that "it all belongs to God" help you live as a responsible steward of your body, your family, and your world?

Clashes between the tenants (those who hate God's truth) and the servants (those responsible to deliver the message) should be expected. Are you tempted to silence or soften your message in order to avoid conflict? What trouble are you encountering with the world as you try to be faithful to the gospel?

What would you do if your son was killed while trying to deliver a message for you? Is your life more characteristic of the tenants or the servants? How so?

2) The replacements for those invited to the marriage of God's Son. (Matthew 22:1-14)

The bible often uses the analogy of the marriage to help us understand the love that Jesus has for the church. What does this parable communicate about the love that the Father has for his Son and the love that the Son has for the Father?

The king refused to allow one who would not change his clothes to attend the wedding. If you want to enjoy the celebration of Jesus, you must experience a change from the inside out. Have you mistakenly believed that someone could be a Christian without a change? Do your clothes match your claim? Is your lifestyle consistent with the invitation you have received to worship Jesus?

Are you actively, intentionally, and urgently inviting people in your circle of influence to worship Jesus as Lord? Who? What strategies are you using to share the gospel with others?

Romans 1:18-21 tells us men are without excuse for rejecting the gospel. God's sovereignty is never in conflict with human responsibility. God's general call goes out to all. God's effectual call ensures that some will respond in faith and repentance. The wrath of God only makes sense when you comprehend the love of God. Do you have difficulty believing God will act in judgment on those who ignore or refuse the gospel?

The gospel continually and repeatedly invites Christians to new levels of faith, repentance, and worship. Have you responded to the invitation to join the celebration of Jesus by obeying his call? Are you rejecting his invitation in any way?





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3) Jesus is my replacement. (22:42-46)

The message of the gospel is that Jesus became my replacement on the cross. When we choose Him as our foundation His righteousness replaces my sinfulness. His death replaces my death. His sinless life replaces my sinful life.

If you want to build anything right you must have a right foundation. We all make a choice what we will do with Jesus. He invites us to choose him as our foundation. Have you tried to make Jesus fit in your crowded life as something other than your foundation?

Additional Scripture

2 Chronicles 36:15-16

Nehemiah 9:26

1 Peter 3:18

1 Peter 4:16-19

Rom 14:12

Ephesians 5:24-33

Isaiah 61:10

Revelation 19:7-8

Psalms 118:22

Acts 4:11

1 Peter 2:7

