

b. Converge two _____ - the _____
and the _____

c. They evoke an _____ based
on _____

9. Are there any other comments or lessons from the message
you want to discuss?

10. This is the concluding study of this series on the parables. Is
there one lesson or a significant truth that you've learned over
these last 8 weeks?

Response – Making it Practical

1. How has this study challenged the way you've been viewing
God? Yourself?
2. What changes do you believe God wants you to make based
on this study?

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Life Group Study Notes

Study based on Luke 20:9-14 - November 6, 2016

We all make choices, some for good, some not so much. Our choices are often an indicator of our hearts true intention.

In this message Jesus tells the story of a landowner and the difficult tenants he had to manage. But as with all of the stories Jesus told, there's a twist that leaves the reader with a choice and a challenge.

Jesus uses a simple story to teach timeless truths about the Kingdom of Heaven, and the expectations that are part of being a Christ-follower.



Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

1. Can you, in one sentence, summarize the teaching of last week's study or sermon?

Read Luke 20:9-19 (If time permits, read Luke 19:45-20:8 for larger context)

2. Discuss the importance of context and what is meant when we say, the parables are occasional stories? Also, what role does context play in this specific parable?

3. Is there a progression in the way the three servants are treated, and does it give us a hint on the kind of welcome we could expect for the landowner's son?
4. Verse 13 is the central verse of this parable. Answer the following questions.
 - a. Is there a cultural or theological significance to the son being called, "cherished" (or "beloved" in some versions)
 - b. What role would shame and public dishonor play in the landowner sending his son?
 - c. What does the total vulnerability of the landowner teach us about him?
5. Jesus cites Psalm 118:22 in verse 17 and expands on the metaphor in verse 18 (which are allusions to Isa 8:14-15 and Dan 2:34, 44-45). These verses are a dire warning against rejecting Jesus - how should they shape the way we do ministry in the church?
6. How do the themes of incarnation and atonement meet in this parable?
7. Who is the parable specifically directed at, and how should we understand it today?
8. The Parables of Jesus. They...
 - a. Reflect the reality of the _____ that is _____ in our lives