



Small Group Study Guide for April 7th, 2019

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: This week we heard about the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. What does the heart of God look like? It's not one that looks to take advantage of every flaw, but rather one that seeks to save the lost. If the lost refuse to be saved, then our God gives them what they desire, and opens the kingdom to others.

Getting Started:

1. Share your favorite parable from the Bible.
2. Have you ever been surprised with a gift you didn't deserve? Tell the story!
3. We're almost at the end of Lent. If you made any, how are you doing on your Lent commitments?

In the Word: Read Luke 20:9-18

4. Often in Jesus' parables, there is something that is extraordinarily odd. What stands out as odd to you about the story?
5. Why do you think the master didn't send in the authorities after the first servant was beaten?

6. In parables, typically each element symbolizes something or a group of things. What person or groups of people do you think are symbolized by the master, the servants, the son, and the tenants (v. 19)?

7. Why do you think it's relevant that "the stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"?

8. Read Verse 18 again. Jesus is the rejected stone, what do you think this verse means about Jesus?

Read Isaiah 43:16-21

9. What do you think Isaiah is trying to say about God in verses 16-17?

10. Verse 19 says God is starting a new thing. What do you think it means when it says that God is making a "way through the wilderness" and "streams in the wasteland"?

11. What does verse 20-21 say about the reason that God has made a way to him for those who were previously outcast?

Prayer: Pray that God gives you the same heart as him – one of forgiveness. Pray that you will have patience when confronted with pain and evil. Pray for the world that the hearts of evil people will be turned towards God.

Next Week: Palm Sunday! Don't forget about the Palm Sunday Journey at 9:30, as we follow our Lord towards the cross. It will be a blessed experience!