

Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 37 : The Mysteriously Gripping  
Explanation of Everything

Passage: Mark 12:1-12



Conversation Starter:

*Is there a story or fairy tale that you remember listening to growing up? What was it and why did it stand out?*

**Re-read Mark 12:1-12**

In the first part of the sermon, Pastor Dwain spent time unpacking Jesus' use of parables as a method of teaching. Share how you have interacted with parables as you have read Scripture. *Have you found them simple to understand or complex? In your own words how would you help someone that is newer to Scripture interpret the parables? What would you say is the "one point" that Jesus was looking to help the original listeners of this parable to understand?*

The fact that owner of the vineyard sends his beloved son to face the tenant farmers (vs. 6) shows how much the owner cared for his vineyard. As Christians, we speak regularly about God's deep love for us, but for many it is still a hard thing to truly believe. *Do you wrestle with the reality that God loves you and the world around you as much as he does? Is there anything in your life that acts as a stumbling block for believing this love?*

Read through the slide below.

Final Thoughts in this Moment:

- It's just a moment, unless we let it transform us.
- The Owner of this place is coming back.
- In the meantime, He's taking care of everything else
- He's got this, it's not unprecedented for Him

*Which of these thoughts stands out to you? Share with the group what it sparks in you.*

Finally, **read Colossians 3:12-17**. We were challenged at the end of the sermon to read this passage and meditate on it throughout the next couple of weeks. *Take some time now to pray over and meditate on the passage. If you feel that the Holy Spirit is highlighting something to you from the passage, share it with the group and pray for each other.*

**Resources to dig deeper:**

[The Weight of Glory](#) by C.S. Lewis