

# A APPLY

The goal of reading the Bible is transformation. We want to let the Word of God grow deep in us so that we can bear much fruit.

1. How would you describe the problems of the religious leaders? How can they be a mirror to us?
2. **Read Psalm 118:22-23.** Compare and contrast how the religious leaders viewed Jesus (the cornerstone) and how God's people view him. How does someone come to see Jesus as "marvelous" or "beautiful"? How do we grow in that awe?
3. How does this passage challenge your beliefs, attitudes, and/or actions? (Head, heart, hands)

## REACH

Keep practicing sharing your "Stories of Life Change" (Testimonies) and keep studying the simple gospel outline you put together from four weeks ago. Here are some potential ways to turn an ordinary conversation into a spiritual conversation:

- *Do you have a background in religion? If so, what was it like?*
- *Was there ever a time you believed in God? If so, why do you think it changed?*
- *How important is spirituality to your life now?*
- *If God exists, would it be important for you to get your life right with Him?*
- *Do you put Jesus in the same category as other religious figures? Why or why not?*
- *What experiences have most shaped your spiritual life?*
- *What do you understand the core of the Christian message to be?*

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## PRAYER

Close by praying about this passage, confessing where you need to change directions and asking for God's Spirit to lead you in His way.

## *Marvelous in Our Eyes*

Matthew 21:33-22:14

What bothered me in the parable was:

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### What Makes Us Uncomfortable

1. It starts with an \_\_\_\_\_ (that's not \_\_\_\_\_).
2. It challenges our systems of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It features real \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
4. It expects a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Should Make Us Marvel

1. It all \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to all through \_\_\_\_\_.

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*I never knew:*

*I need to change:*

*I should share:*



# GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

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## GETTING STARTED

1. Share about a time when you asked someone to complete a task and the results were laughable.
2. What was something that you thought was amazing, but a friend or family member was totally unimpressed?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

# SOMA

BIBLE STUDY METHOD  
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## SOAK

Read **Matthew 21:33-46** three times asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. Our goal is to soak in the Spirit, the scripture, and its surroundings.

1. Where does this passage fit into the narrative of Matthew? What happened just before this?
2. What is a parable? What are some important things to remember when reading parables?



## OBSERVE

Once we've soaked in the passage, we want to make sure we are able to see all that is really there; not interpreting, but taking note of what is present.

1. Who are the main characters in the parable? What do we learn about them?
2. Describe the conflict in the parable.
3. Summarize the parable in one sentence.



## MEANING

Now that we're familiar with the passage, we want to get at its meaning. This isn't about what it means to me, but what the author was intending to say.

1. Who does each character in the parable represent?
2. Reread verses 42-44. How would you sum up Jesus' message to the religious leaders?
3. What does this parable teach us about Jesus and what He came into the world to do?