



## SESSION 6

# ONE CONVERSATION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have one spiritual conversation. You can pick and choose, use them all or just allow the statement to be your guide. The emphasis shouldn't be about having all the answers, but simply having a conversation.

### Scripture

Matthew 21:33-46

## 1. Opening Statement

*Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:*

### **Judgment comes on those who reject God's commands, God's warnings, and God's Son.**

This main point is the biblical truth the student's study was built around. Each week there will be one statement that ties the whole study together. These would be great statements to remember together. The hope is that thoughts and ideas will stem from these statements. You can also begin by sharing a thought of your own that you learned during your study of the same session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

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## 2. Thought From the Study

If we were to place ourselves in this story, we would need to see ourselves as the wicked tenants. We are the ones who have rejected God and ignored His warnings. We are the ones who have turned on His only Son. The question now remains: On which side of this furious judgment of God will we be found? It is only in embracing God the Son and humbly trusting in Him that we find salvation. Instead of being the cornerstone that crushes us in judgment, Jesus becomes the cornerstone of our new life in Him, the cornerstone of the new people of God to whom we belong. The story of the wicked tenants is a parable of judgment, but its purpose is to bring us to repentance and faith in the Son.

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- **What are the responsibilities that come with our privilege of being God's people? What kind of fruit are we to bear as Christians?**
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## 3. Quote for Discussion

*Discuss this quote together. How does this change your understanding of a relationship with Jesus?*

**[This parable's] purpose is to illustrate God's 'incomprehensible' concern for man, the lengths God will go to keep on his track and maintain contact with him despite his stubbornness and his blind delusion. —Helmut Thielicke**

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## 4. Conversation Questions

*Use these questions to begin thinking through and applying the lessons to your family life:*

1. List some common warnings your family uses or hears. Why do we tend to think of warnings as a negative thing?
2. As a family, how could we use this parable to explain to both people who are religious and non-religious that our only hope is in knowing the Son, Jesus Christ?
3. What parts of this parable's warning apply to our family today?
4. How does this parable challenge our family in our efforts of sharing Christ with others?