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MATTHEW 21:23-22:46

Introduction – Two Presidents

Three Parables

Three Questions- Plus One

What Does This Mean For Us?

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. *Ok, We'll start with an ice breaker this week. Kati brought up her favorite political dramas- what's your favorite TV show?*
2. *As you look through the three parables Jesus told (from Matthew 21:28-22:14), what do you see him trying to communicate to the religious and political leaders?*
3. *We said that Jesus was pointing out the problematic example and leadership of Israel's leaders. During Lent, we take time to examine our own hearts. Is there anything that Jesus calls the Pharisees out on that might be a challenge to you?*
4. *In the three questions the leaders asked Jesus, they were trying to trap Him- but we said that Matthew clearly shows Jesus beating them at their own game. How does it comfort you to know that the wisdom of Jesus is available to you?*
5. *We said that Matthew's challenge to disciples of Jesus is to commit ourselves every day to doing work that bears fruit for God's Kingdom. Spend some time sharing how each of you are doing that. It can be small things! Encourage each other too with how you see each other doing this.*
6. *Close with a time of prayer that God will help you learn to listen to His voice and obey, and that He will help you stay faithful in building His Kingdom.*

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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