

Mark 12:1-12

Discussion questions

Opener: How would you answer a friend if they asked you, “Why doesn’t God do something about all of the evil in the world?”

Read Mark 12:1-12

God is generous (v. 1)

1. How do we see this in the parable?
2. How have you experienced his generosity in your own life this last week?

God is patient (vv. 2-6)

3. How do we see this in the parable?
4. This parable tells the history of Israel. How was God patient with his people in the Old Testament?
5. How does he show his patience towards us today? (cf. 2 Peter 3:8-10)

God is just (vv. 7-9)

6. How do we see this in the parable?
7. Why do you think people behave as if they can somehow escape God’s justice?

God is gracious (v. 10)

8. What hope are we left with at the end of the parable?
9. Read Mark 10:45. Jesus mission wasn’t primarily to point out our failure, but to die in our place in order to save us. How does this parable help expose just how much we need Jesus?
10. Returning to the opening question - How might you use this parable to help answer your friend?

Prayer Ideas:

- Thinking back to questions 2 and 5 – give thanks specifically for the ways God has been generous and kind to you.
- Pray that you would more deeply appreciate his justice and his grace and that this will drive you to worship him and witness to others.