

Sermon Study Guide – October 8th, 2023

"A Story of Reckless Patience"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What does it mean to be reckless? When have you been reckless in your life? What consequences have come from it?
- ◆ Patience is widely considered to be a virtue, but what might “reckless patience” look like? Is it a good thing or a bad thing? Are there ever times where “reckless patience” may be needed?

2) Today’s Message: Matthew 21:33-43

³³ *“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.”* ³⁴ *When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.* ³⁵ *“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.”* ³⁶ *Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.* ³⁷ *Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.* ³⁸ *“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’”* ³⁹ *So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.* ⁴⁰ *“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”* ⁴¹ *“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”* ⁴² *Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”* ⁴³ *“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”*

3) What does God want you to hear today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today’s sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What’s the law?)

How does today’s sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What’s the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...

1. How does today's Parable follow the biblical course of history?
2. Describe the landowner's behavior in the Parable. What made it so unusual?
3. While this parable doesn't directly describe people like us, what can we learn from a parable like this?
4. Why did we need God to be *reckless* in the patient he shows us?
5. What are some different ways we can produce "fruit" for God with the land he has "leased" to us?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *review* Is. 5:1-7, Ph. 3:12-21

Tuesday: Romans 2:1-16

Wednesday: Joel 2

Thursday: Isaiah 30:1-18

Friday: 2 Peter 3

Saturday: *review* Matthew 21:33-43