

Jesus Stories  
This week's reading: Matthew 21:28-46  
Discussion Guide: March 30, 2025

**CHECK UP:**

\*Memory Work: The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.  
- 2 Peter 3:9

\*Did you place any new priorities or patterns in your life this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Did you B.L.E.S.S. someone this past week? (*Begin in prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share*)

**READ and ASK: Matthew 21:28-46**

- What stands out most from these parables?
- Why doesn't religious knowledge or information guarantee that we will be godly?
- If Jesus really is the King of kings and Lord of lords, why do we often drag our feet doing what He has told us to do?
- What does Jesus mean when he says many "unrighteous" people will enter the kingdom of God, and many "righteous" people won't?
- Why do you think people reject God's kindness?
  - o How can we consistently remind ourselves of God's grace and kindness?

**APPLY:**

- What most stood out to you, or challenged you from Todd's sermon?
- What instructions of Jesus do you struggle to obey?
  - o What is your gut reaction when you are confronted with a challenging teaching of Jesus (or a teaching that rubs against your traditions or upbringing)?
- What is one practical step you can take to submit to God and obey His word?
  - o NEXT STEP: What specific instruction do you need to obey this week?

Memory Work:

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. - James 1:22

Next Week's Reading:

Matthew 25