

DEALING WITH CONFLICTS AND ISSUES Moises Garcia, Pastor of El Puente June 26, 2016

Mark 11:27-33; 12:1-44

Every follower of Jesus needs to:

- ➤ Be seen as <u>living</u> under the <u>authority</u> of God. 11:27-33
 - Jesus was given all authority by His Heavenly Father.
 Matthew 28:18
 - We are not to <u>rebel</u> against His authority but humbly <u>submit</u>.

James 4:6-7a

- The parable of the tenants gives us the <u>reasons</u> why.
 - ✓ God <u>owns</u> it all.

 Psalm 24:1
 - ✓ God <u>sees</u> it all. *Psalm 33:13-15*
 - ✓ God will hold every person <u>accountable</u>.

 Romans 14:12; Matthew 16:27
- Stop <u>robbing</u> God of what He <u>requires</u> from us. V.13-17 Micah 6:8
 - It's a matter of giving ourselves <u>completely</u> to God.

- Fully understand the <u>nature</u> of the resurrection <u>life</u>. v.18-27
 - No one will get <u>married</u> nor be given in <u>marriage</u> in heaven.
 - God is the God of the <u>living</u> not of the <u>dead</u>.
- ➤ Be <u>identified</u> by the way they <u>love</u> God and each other. v.28-34
 - The most important factor is to love <u>unconditionally</u>.
 - It's this kind of love which gives us <u>entrance</u> into God's kingdom.
- ➤ <u>Declare</u> by the way they <u>live</u> that Jesus is their Messiah and victorious Lord. v.35-40
- ➤ <u>Give</u> it all to Jesus and <u>trust</u> Him fully.

NEXT STEPS:

- o I will live the rest of my life under God's authority and by knowing His word.
- I will love God and others unconditionally as He has commanded.
- I will worship and trust God fully by giving Him everything I have.



Lesson Aim: Learning how to deal with conflict and issues the way Jesus did it.

Prayer: Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to show you how to deal with conflict and issues the way that Jesus did.

Icebreaker: If you owned a garden or an orchard, what would you grow?

1. **Read Mark 12:1-12.** What does the vineyard represent? Who is the owner? The Son?

2. What was Jesus prophesying by telling this story?

3. This parable shows that Jesus owns it all, sees it all, and holds everyone accountable. How do these facts affect how you handle conflict or disagreements?

4. How do you make Jesus feel welcome in your life each day? What actions of yours might make Him feel unwelcome?

5. Why do you think that Jesus taught using parables so frequently?

Weekly Memory Verse:

Mark 12:17 Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."