

## Authority

### Authority in Question

Luke 19:45-46

#### Temple corruption

Luke 19:47-20:2

#### Contextual observations

- Chief priests, scribes, elders
- Stakes were high

Luke 20:3

#### Contextual observations

- John the Baptist was very popular
  - He declared Jesus as the Messiah

Luke 20:5-6

#### Contextual observations

- From heaven: They would be admitting that Jesus does have the authority.
- From man: Face religious consequences

Luke 20:7-8

### Parable

Luke 20:9-17

#### Six main characters in this parable

1. The landowner—God
2. The vineyard—Israel
3. The tenants/farmers—the Jewish religious leadership
4. The landowner's servants—the prophets
5. The son—Jesus
6. The other tenants—Gentiles

### Conclusion

#### Cornerstone

- To Israel: Jesus is the stumbling stone
- To the Church: Jesus is the Cornerstone
- To unbelievers: Jesus is the crushing stone of judgment

### Application Questions

1. Are you broken before Him or crushed by Him?
2. Does Jesus have the authority in you?

### Questions for Individual Study and/or Group Discussion

1. How does your personality handle authority? What have you learned about yourself in order to either submit to authority or be in authority?

2. Read Luke 19:45-20:8. What do you observe about authority in this interaction? What else do you observe?
3. Read Luke 20:9-17- Do some research on what it means that Jesus is the cornerstone. Why is this such an important truth? How does this effect your life?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 6:18-20. What do we learn about us being the temple and how does it correlate to this Luke study?
5. What are some applications you will be doing this week due to what God is teaching you?