

Christ, The Cornerstone

Luke 20:9-19

I. The Occasion

- A. Proclaiming the good news in the temple courts.
- B. A targeted audience.

II. The Parable V.9-16

- A. A loved son.
- B. A rejected son.
- C. The ultimate act of _____ towards the father is rejection of His son.

III. The Lesson, V.17-18, Psalm 118:22.

- A. Jesus directs His glare to the _____.
- B. Every religion is ultimately _____ upon the central figure of that religion.
- C. Jesus is the _____ of Christianity.
Acts 4:11
 - 1. Believers are built into the structure of an unshakable _____! Isaiah 53:4-6, Ephesians 2:19-22
 - 2. If you belong to Christ, then Christ's spirit _____ in you!
- D. Those who reject Jesus will be _____. They stumble and will be crushed by the cornerstone. V.18, Isaiah 8:14
- E. The foundation of the local church must be built on _____.

Faith at Home

Read Psalm 118:22 with your kids and then read Ephesians 2:19-22. Using Legos or building blocks for kids demonstrate (let them help you) how important the cornerstone is to the entire structure. Build it so that it falls the first couple of times by not putting in the corner block. Finally build it with the corner block giving the structure perfect stability and strength. Then explain to them that this is how Jesus is the cornerstone of Christianity.

Life Group Questions

1. Go around the room and state one God sighting in your week. (How have you seen God at work)
2. What is something you learned from this week's sermon that you didn't know before?
3. There are three different accounts of this parable. Read the account from Mark 12:1-12. What was the main point of the parable? What are some of the things Mark records that Luke does not? See v.1 and v.11. What if any significance is there in these two items?

4. What is the tallest structure that you have ever been on? Were you nervous or afraid? What gave you confidence that it would not fall? What are the key structural components of a stable building or structure?

5. Read Ephesians 2:14-22. List the groups of people and individuals that make up this giant super-structure. Who is the chief cornerstone? Who lives inside this dwelling according to verse 22? Why do you think we need to be reminded of the truth that Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith?

6. What was the biggest thing that challenged or encouraged you in this week's message?

7. Please take time to intercede for the church in Haxtun Colorado. Our first service will be streamed there on October 6.

Items to cover in prayer

- That the equipment would work
- That people would come with open hearts
- That God would pour out His Spirit
- That the leadership team would be strengthened
- That the church would be strengthened