**Open Your Bible Online Edition**

**The Vineyard and the Stone**

Matthew 21:33-43

1. Describe your first employment opportunity. What did you love? What did you hate?
2. Reread Matthew 21:33-43

* Jesus’ death and resurrection becomes a revolutionary takeover of the evil tenants’ control.

In this story, who ends up farming the landowner’s land once He’s taken it back? How would you have felt about being one of the new tenants?

1. God’s kingdom now has arrived and we are invited as the new tenants to participate in the effort to take His world back.

* Describe some of the roles that we are invited to take on as Christ followers as we participate.
* What role do you believe God is inviting you to take in bringing God’s kingdom to earth?

1. In Matthew 16, Peter gets a little bit arrogant thinking he gets to be in charge of what Jesus is doing.

* Share about a time when Jesus gave you specific direction that was different from your own ideas about your life or your role.
* Did you move on with your plan? If not, how did you come to the place where you were willing to do as Jesus directed?

1. Describe Peter’s growth from the time he first signed on as a disciple to the stories we read about him in the book of Acts.

* What price did he pay for participating in the takeover of God’s kingdom? Include specific multiple sufferings he experienced.
* What do you think motivated Peter to pay that price in the midst of those painful moments.

1. Describe a moment since you became a Christ follower when you were humbled.

* Describe your healing process and what you learned.
* In what ways did this experience enable you to better carry out your role in bringing God’s kingdom to earth?
* In what ways do you still need healing in order to be the most fruitful tenant you can be?
* How will you go after that healing?