

**Sept 1 – Small Groups -  
Read Luke 20:9-19**

1. Jesus' first point in the parable is that God is recklessly easygoing where it seems like He is letting people off the hook and are getting away with evil and injustice all the time. It's a frustrating feeling. How can we respond as Christians to what seems like God not doing anything to confront evil and injustice in a timely manner?
2. Jesus' next point in the parable is that people can start to test or even abuse how easygoing God is. People can start pushing the envelope. How are we tempted to test God's patience in our own lives and how can we respond in faith and trust instead?
3. The punchline of the parable is that Jesus is God's final straw. There's an actual limit to how easygoing God is and that's Jesus Christ. In the end, how any person treats Jesus will determine how God will treat that person. So, how do you respond to Jesus today? Who do you say Jesus is?
4. Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah suggesting He is the fulcrum on whom people's eternal fates hung on a balance. Jesus will either be a sanctuary in whom you take refuge, or He will be a stone that will trip you up. How can we encourage one another to take refuge in Jesus as our sanctuary?