



# KINGDOM

THE KING AND HIS

A STUDY IN MARK

## Week 12: The King's Authority

In his parable of the vineyard, Jesus reminds us that our lives are not our own. We are tenants of a vineyard that God has leased to us to manage according to his will and values. Everything in our lives with Christ flows from the reality that he is our King and we live and serve in his Kingdom. If and when we manage his vineyard faithfully, everything in our lives finds its proper place and priority and every person in our lives is treated with honor.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What in your life needs to be re-understood in light of managing what God has given you instead of your life being owned by you? Why do you think this might be challenging to do? What might be the benefit of being a tenant instead of the vineyard owner?
2. Take a moment to reflect. What kind of fruit and wine is your vineyard currently producing? What do you need to continue to produce healthy or healthier fruit? What is in the way of good fruit in your life?
3. Jesus Christ is meek and gentle but still the King of the Kingdom of God. Do we think of Jesus Christ more frequently as our friend or our King? Why? What is his authority like as our King, and how does he exercise that authority in our lives?