



The Cross of Christ

A Love which Risks
Matthew 21:31-46

Same message, different form - a *parable*

It is about God's _____

“There was a landowner who planted a vineyard...”

A Critical Choice

God chooses to take _____

God's risky behavior:

Giving _____

Seeking the _____

Choosing the _____

Using the _____

Loving _____

God is backing your life

How can you invest your life _____?
(adverb)

What risk will lead to transformation?



Getting Started

It might be a good time to check in with everyone on a little bit deeper level: How are you doing? *(If not you can talk about a dramatic risk you have taken, and what happened.)*

Scripture

Another account of the passage from Sunday is **Luke 20:9-16**
Summarize what happens in the parable, then identify key points this parable makes (parables often make many points).

Jesus follows the parable with a teaching about a capstone, read **Matthew 21:42-44**. What do you make of this passage?

Jesus wasn't very subtle in his attack on the chief priests, why do you think he engages in this confrontation?

Going Deeper

Review the sermon and discuss what stood out to you as worth remembering, something inspirational, or something questionable and worth discussion from the message.

Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22 in his teaching. As you read through all of **Psalm 118**, identify every idea which would back risk taking for God. What other encouragement do you see in this Psalm?

The Bible speaks consistently about the value of wisdom and repeatedly condemns folly (being a fool). How do you decide between what is risk and what is foolishness?

Consider: 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 & 3:18-19

What is true foolishness and true wisdom? What is risky in this world, but completely safe in an eternal perspective?

Application

Think of a risk you could take which could lead to positive transformation in your life? What risk might change others' lives?