

Family Table Talk

for the week of October 1, 2017

Opportunity
Christian Fellowship

Read it . . .

Matthew
21:33-46

Discuss and apply the truth of God's Word as a family.

A Story About Evil Farmers

Christianity is not a religion.

Religion is human beings trying to work their way to God. People use religious rituals, traditions, laws, and good deeds to make themselves righteous enough, good enough, or holy enough to earn heaven (whether their idea of heaven is heaven, or just a better society on Earth).

Christianity is God coming to men and women, boys and girls through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

But religion, even for followers of Jesus, can be very tempting. It puts you in a position to judge others. It makes it easy to form groups of people like us who can be snobby to people who aren't like us or as "good" as we think we are. That's what the Pharisees were like.

Christianity is all about Christ Jesus. We want to get to know Him more and more. We should be trying to love like He does more and more. Because, in the end, Heaven is spending eternity with Jesus.

<p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>Read Psalm 80:7-15</p> <p>This psalm was written when the Jews were taken away from Israel to Babylon. What do they compare Israel to in this song?</p>	<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Read Matthew 21:33-46</p> <p>The things and characters in a parable often are symbols for something else. What is the vineyard? Who is the owner? Who are the renters? Who is the owner's son?</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>Read Exodus 20:1-17</p> <p>Make a Ten Commandments poster and tape it up where you can see it. Can you remember all ten?</p>
<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Read Exodus 20:18-20</p> <p>How did the people react when they heard God Himself tell them the Ten Commandments?</p>	<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Read Philippians 3:4b-14</p> <p>Paul starts out being braggy. But what does he really think of all the stuff he brags about?</p>	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Read Matthew 21:33-46</p> <p>What does it mean to "produce fruit"? What kinds of fruit are growing in your lives?</p>

Memory Verse: Philippians 3:8a

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Coming Up Next Week:

A Story About a Wedding Feast