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Who legitimately owns the Promised Land

9Then He proceeded to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it out to some tenants, and went away for a long time. 10At harvest time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed.

11So he sent another servant, but they beat him and treated him shamefully, sending him away empty-handed.

12Then he sent a third, but they wounded him and threw him out.

13'What shall I do?' asked the owner of the vineyard. 'I will send my beloved son. Perhaps they will respect him.'

14But when the tenants saw the son, they discussed it among themselves and said, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 15So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16He will come and kill those tenants, and will give the vineyard to others."

And when the people heard this, they said, "May such a thing never happen!"

17But Jesus looked directly at them and said, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

18Everyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

Luke 20:9-18

My prayer priorities for this week

S 15 Diane J (Go Deeper after church)

M 16 Joan J. Lyn K (Church Council)

T 17 Elsie & Bert

W 18 Karen & Hung (Home Group)

T 19 Our internet viewers

F 20 Vi-Lay L

S 21 Alison & Richard

S 22 Mary P (Morning tea: Lyn & Joan)

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Who did you think owned the Promised Land?
2. Why do both Jews and Palestinians think they own the land?
3. If both sides would agree with you, what is your suggestion for peace in the Promised Land?
4. Galatians 3:16 gives sovereignty to Jesus. What are some implications of Jesus owning this (and all) land?
5. If you had two children fighting over one toy, how would you act in that situation? What would be different if the children were adults?
6. Australia's aborigines make land claims. Later arrivals want to stay in this land. Is it possible for both groups to be happy?

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