

The Sorrow of Unbelief

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon Series in Matthew's Gospel

November 23, 2025

A. The _____ (vv. 33-41)

1) The _____ (vv. 33-34)

2) The _____ (vv. 35-39)

3) The _____ (vv. 40-41)

B. The _____ (vv. 42-46)

1) The _____ (vv. 42)

Encouragement: Only _____ can turn

_____ into the

foundation of _____.

2) The _____ (vv. 43-44)

Implication: We have been

_____ a _____, and God

_____ a _____.

3) The _____ (vv. 45-46)

Discussion Questions for Family Discipleship:

1. What are some “leafy” Christmas things we enjoy (lights, music, parties) that can look spiritual but don’t necessarily produce fruit? What would real, Christ-given “fruit” look like in our home this month?

2. Read Isaiah 5:3–4. If the Lord came to inspect “His vineyard” at your address tonight, what provisions would He point to (Bible, church family, prayer habits, mentors), and where would He say, “I expected fruit... where is it?” Name one place of clear fruit and one place of barrenness, and why.

3. Read Matthew 21:42. A cornerstone sets every line of a building. In what specific ways do your calendars, conversations, screens, and spending “square” (or fail to square) with Jesus’ authority? Identify one misalignment that needs to be cut and one beam that needs to be set by His Word.

4. Your family has been entrusted a field (home, work, school, neighbors). Before Christmas, what is one act of repentance yours will take, one abiding habit yours will start (Word/prayer together), and one outward fruit yours will pursue (hospitality, reconciliation, generosity, clear gospel witness)? Pray over these together.