**F.S.M. BIBLE STUDY SHEET**

**◊ What does the parable of the two sons mean?**  ***●*** others accepted the message of GOD, taught by John the Baptist but the religious people did not.

**◊** **Who are the characters in the parable of two sons? *●*** the first son…those who accepted the word of GOD and were obedient (tax collectors & prostitutes) ● the second son…the religious leaders of Israel

**◊** **Who are the characters in the parable of tenants? *●*** the landowner is GOD ***●*** the vineyard is Israel ***●*** the tenants are the Jewish religious leadership ***●*** the landowner’s servants are the prophets who remained obedient and preached GOD’S word to the people of Israel ***●*** the Son is Jesus ***●*** the other tenants are the Gentiles.

**◊ Three insights into the psyche of the religious establishment.** 1) They are jealous and envious of Jesus’ popularity with the common people. > this encroaches on their authority and power to govern. 2) They came to the realization that Jesus is talking about them. > this hurt their pride and embarrasses them in front of the people. 3) They understood the analogy of the son and that Jesus was referring to Himself. > this was be blasphemous to them, and they would now seek to kill Jesus

**◊ What does the parable of the tenants mean? *●*** the vineyard would be taken from those who refuse to submit to GOD and given to those who would. ***●*** GOD’S vineyard was opened to the Gentiles and anyone who would submit themselves to the Jesus

**◊ What are some life lessons we can learn from this parable?** ***●*** GOD rewards those who put considerable effort into bettering their lives and the lives of those in their community.