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# TABLE TALK

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## Family Foundation

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### Prepare:

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*As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (based on Psalm 118:21-24)*

- C: You have answered us and become our salvation.  
R: The stone the builders rejected has become our cornerstone.  
C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
R: The stone the builders rejected has become our cornerstone.  
C: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### Read: Read Matthew 21:33-46 (ESV)

33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

### Reflect:

While the religious leaders to whom Jesus spoke would ultimately reject him as the cornerstone God established, we as God's children recognize Christ as the foundation for our lives and our families.

*Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Matthew 21:33-46) means for you as a family.*

*Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.*

### Pray:

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*The head of the household prays:*

Heavenly Father, as members of the household of God, we thank you for joining us together in Christ the cornerstone, and we pray that our lives bear fruit in him. Amen.