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# TABLE TALK

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## Our Cornerstone

### Prepare:

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*As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Ephesians 2:19-20):*

C: We are members of the household of God

R: Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

C: Jesus is the cornerstone,

R: In whom the whole structure is joined together.

### Read: Luke 20:9-18 (ESV)

9 And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. 10 When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. 13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' 14 But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' 15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" 17 But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

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

18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

### Reflect:

Jesus is the rejected heir and cornerstone. While this rejection resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem, Jesus, who is the restoration of Israel, opens the vineyard to all.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Luke 20:9-18) means for you as a family.

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

### Praying:

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*The head of the household prays:*

Dear God Heavenly Father, Jesus is our cornerstone, your rightful heir. Help us to build our lives on this firm foundation. In Jesus's name, amen.