

## “Mine” Handout

What did you do as a child when you didn't get what you wanted?

Read 1 Kings 21:1-29.

1. Who owned the land known as “Naboth’s vineyard”?
  - A. Naboth
  - B. Ahab
  - C. Jezebel
  - D. God
  - E. The government
  - F. Naboth’s family line
  - G. Whoever was strongest at the time
  - H. Whoever had paid the most for it
  - I. Other
  
2. What complicated the land Naboth owned?
  - A. Naboth owned it
  - B. The king of Israel wanted it
  - C. There had been a great crop of grapes that particular year
  - D. It was right next door to Ahab’s palace
  - E. This land had been in Naboth’s family for centuries
  - F. Naboth refused a fair price, and even an inflated price
  - G. Jezebel wanted it for Ahab
  - H. Israelite law had kept land in the family from generation to generation
  - I. Other
  
3. What do you consider most offensive about Jezebel’s actions here?
  - A. Pacifying Ahab’s selfishness
  - B. Acting on her own selfishness
  - C. Eliminating people in her kingdom
  - D. Devising a plan to smear Naboth publicly
  - E. Arranging for the government leaders to carry out her plan
  - F. Contributing to God’s decision to destroy Ahab and his house
  - G. Showing a type of leadership that is the opposite of “servant leadership”
  - H. Not standing up for Naboth or for justice
  - I. Other

4. What does a king have the power to do?
  - A. Anything he wants
  - B. Never die
  - C. Take from some and give to others—his choice
  - D. Instruct and engage in justice throughout his kingdom
  - E. Take the best of everything for himself
  - F. Make people like him
  - G. Lead his people to God
  - H. Overcome all enemies
  - I. Other

5. Give a one-word description for these characters in the story:

<u>Name</u>	<u>One-Word Description</u>
Naboth	_____
Ahab	_____
Jezebel	_____
Elijah	_____

Do you identify with any of these characters?

6. How would you describe God's response to Ahab and his actions?

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| A. Quick      | F. Direct        |
| B. Delayed    | G. Angry         |
| C. Judgmental | H. Responsive    |
| D. Fair       | I. Disappointed  |
| E. Forgiving  | J. Communicative |

7. What do you admire in this story? What do you not?

8. Who owns you—all you are, have, and will be? How does that influence your decisions now?