

SUMMER STORIES

The Parables of Jesus



Summer Stories: The Parables of Jesus | The Hired Workers

In the parable of The Workers of the Vineyard, Jesus tells the story of workers who all receive the same payment for different amounts of work. Their reactions show us quite a bit about how we see ourselves and the gospel. As we dive into this parable, we'll learn about God's perspective in contrast to our own and learn more about who we really are.

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe yourself to your group. For an extra challenge, kindly describe others in your group.
2. **Read Matthew 20:1-16.** What are your initial impressions of these verses?
 - a. Who did you identify with in the story prior to the "reveal" during the sermon? Why?
3. Put yourself in the place of the workers hired early in the day. How do you think you would feel about the landowner?
 - a. How would you feel about the workers hired in the final hour?
 - b. How would you feel about yourself?
4. Put yourself in the place of the workers hired in the last hour. How do you think you would feel about the landowner?
 - a. How would you feel about the workers hired early in the day?
 - b. How would you feel about yourself?
5. How did this parable change the way you see yourself?
 - a. How did it change how you view and relate to God?
 - b. How did it change how you view and relate to other people?
 - c. Share about a time when you experienced God's grace which led you to having more compassion for others.
6. What's your biggest takeaway from the parables of the workers in the vineyard?