

Laborers in the Vineyard—Are You Grateful or a Grumbler?

Matthew 20:1-16

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REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Monday: Read Matt 19:16-20:28. How does what comes immediately before and after Matt 20:1-16 influence the interpretation of the parable? Remember Jesus is describing what the kingdom of heaven is like (Matt 20:1).

Tuesday: Read Matt 20:1-16. What primary point about the kingdom of heaven is Jesus emphasizing? What does the parable teach about God and people? What are sins to avoid, promises to claim, examples to follow?

Wednesday: Read Matt 20:1-16. Compare and contrast the laborers in the vineyard. At what point did the laborers who grumbled go wrong? What was the basis of their complaint?

Thursday: Read Matt 20:1-16 and focus on 13-16. What three questions did the vineyard owner ask the grumbling laborers? What beliefs and attitudes were ruling the hearts of the grumbling laborers?

Friday: Read Matt 20:1-16. Comparisons and assumptions about the basis of our standing before God are at the core of this parable. How does embracing God's sovereignty and grace in Christ free us from envy and empower us to rejoice in God's grace to all?

Saturday: Read Matt 22:1-14. Identify the key point of the parable, make a specific application to your life, pray for tomorrows' worship services and bring a friend with you to church.