
The Vineyard Workers

Matthew 20:1-16

1. What is a parable? Is it different than a story with a moral?
2. Why did Jesus speak in parables and not directly in plain speech?
Mark 4:10-13

Matthew 13:13-17
3. The disciples did not understand the meaning of parables at first, but Jesus revealed it to them in time. Read the following verses and comment on the disciples understanding.

Mark 8:17-18 & 21:

Luke 9:44-45:

Mark 9:30-32:

Matthew 13:18-23:

Luke 24:27:

Luke 24:44-45:

4. What is the purpose of the passage? Why did God choose to incorporate this parable into the Gospel Matthew? Read the passages below and comment on their relation to this parable.

Luke 13:22-30

Matthew 7:15-23

5. Was the master of the house fair to the vineyard workers? Why and why not?
6. How does this parable help us to understand that salvation is not based on our efforts or what we deserve? Read Matthew 19:30. Do we want God to be fair with us?
7. How does this parable help us to understand that our works for Jesus do not secure us a better place? Jesus saves us because He loves us not for what we can do for Him. Read the passages below and comment on how they help us to understand who will be in the kingdom of God and how God uses our weakness for His glory.

Matthew 5:31

Samuel 16:7

2 Corinthians 12:19