

# sermonnotes

## Parables: Part 2



The parable of the workers in the vineyard reminds us that we are the beneficiaries of God's love and grace. He invites each of us to join Him in His kingdom.

Matthew 20:1–16

At first glance, the focus of the story appears to be about the inequity of payment. And, based on a work/payment ratio, it's understandable the all-day workers were bothered because they weren't paid more. But the focus of the story is NOT about the payment. The focus of the story is about the generosity of the landowner and his vineyard.

### The Generous Employer

1. \_\_\_\_\_, regardless of status, is invited to join God in His Kingdom. (Matthew 20:6–7)

- The reason they were not working at 5:00 was not because of laziness. It was because these were the workers deemed by other employers as unworthy.

2. The foundation of God's Kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 20:14)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ with others will rob us of the joy of God's grace. (Matthew 20:11–16)

- Money and status are \_\_\_\_\_ to God—he offers his love, grace, and mercy equally to all.

Like the end-of-day workers in this parable, God has made his grace available to us and offered us entry into His kingdom even though we do not deserve it.

Answers: Everyone; grace; Comparison; irrelevant



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