

“What’s In It For Us?”
The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

I. Setting the Stage: *What happened that brought about this story?*
(Matthew 19:16-30)

II. Telling the Story: *What did Jesus say to illustrate His point?*
(Matthew 20:1-16)



III. Making the Connection: *What does the story tell us about the Kingdom?*

- A. The employer was _____ and _____. He paid the workers - not in proportion to their _____, but according to their _____.
- B. God does not _____, and yet He has _____ we need.
- C. God's _____ has a surprisingly _____-_____ effect.
- Truly, the last to be hired on were rewarded first and the first to work found themselves at the end of the line. This was an illustration of Jesus' teaching in Matt. 19:30 and 20:16.

IV: Taking it Home: *What does the story reveal about how the Lord wants me to live today?*

- A. Beware of the danger of _____ and _____ yourself to them. Keep your eyes on the work and trust the Lord to do “_____”.
- B. Don't _____ of the reward if you won't _____ in the work.
- There was one condition: _____ and _____ for the job.
- C. Ultimately, this story is _____ for _____!