

Lesson #21- Matthew Chapter 20 Questions for Discussion:

1. In verses 1 through 16 Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a householder that hires workers throughout the day to harvest his field. A householder is a person that is the head of a household, the owner. In this case the householder also owns a vineyard, and it is time to harvest the fruit. He begins hiring laborers first thing in the morning and continues hiring throughout the day as he finds willing workers; even at the very last hour he hires people. Finally, the workday ends. As he pays the workers the agreed upon amount, we see how the householder handles complaints from the labor force.

The most important things we should see from this parable are lessons concerning the kingdom of heaven, because that is what Jesus stated the parable was an illustration of. What do you think are the things Jesus is here teaching about the kingdom of heaven?

2. Read verses 17 through 28.
 - a. Does anything about this text seems strange or inconclusive?
 - b. The mother of Zebedee and her two sons approached Jesus and had a request that resulted in the other disciples becoming irritated and Jesus using the occasion to reiterate a point that they couldn't seem to grasp. Discuss the request and the answer of Jesus.
3. Chapter 20 ends with a brief narrative of the healing of two blind men. What do you think are important points to be seen?