

Digging Deeper Study
God's Kingdom Come – Kingdom Heart Check
Week of May 17th, 2026

<p>Kingdom Heart Check Matthew 20</p> <p>Matthew 20:1-28</p> <p>20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them</p>	<p>“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34)</p> <p>Sermon QUOTE Statement: Sometimes Jesus gives us a heart check, but it is always for our good. He cares about the positions of our heart because He has a purpose for each one of us.</p> <p>Opening Question:</p> <p>What is one thing that you believe God has created and gifted you for? How do you try to exercise that gift?</p> <p>I. Read Matthew 20:1-16</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your initial thoughts to reading this parable? 2. What is the point of the landowner paying the last workers first in this scenario? How does their response show a picture of their heart? 3. Thinking how the landowner is able to pay whatever he wants, how does that speak towards God in His dealings with us?
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into his vineyard. ³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷“ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.

- 4. Why is it important to understand the truth found in V4.**
- 5. Why is it important to have a right attitude in working for the Lord?**
- 6. Do you ever find yourself being envious of what others have received from the Lord? Why is this a dangerous attitude?**

¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ ¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

¹⁷ Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them,
¹⁸ “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹ “What is it you want?” he asked.

She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.”

²² “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can

II. Read Matthew 20:17-19

- 1. Jesus mentions His going to the cross a third time here. Why is it important to remember Jesus knew His fate?**
- 2. How is Jesus an example for us in life?**
- 3. We are given encouragement in Hebrews 12:2-6. What stands out to you in this passage?**

III. Read Matthew 20:20-28

- 1. What is wrong with the request made here by the mother of Zebedee’s son?**
- 2. How can we relate with these types of requests for Jesus?**
- 3. Why is it important to understand that God has different things ordained for each of us?**
- 4. How does God see greatness?**
- 5. What is a cool thing in knowing greatness is found in serving?**
- 6. Are there special requirements to serve?**
- 7. Who did Jesus serve in His life?**
- 8. How does Jesus give us another good example in how to serve?**

you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

“We can,” they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Take Prayer requests
And close in Prayer