



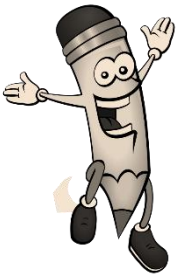
Quiet Time

March 9-15, 2025

Matthew 20:15 (ESV)

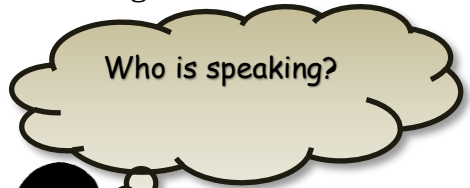
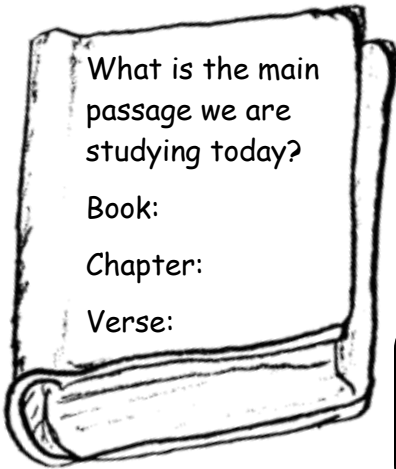
Am I not allowed to do what I choose
with what belongs to me?
Or do you begrudge my generosity?

Jesus
Teaches the
Parable of the
Equal Wages



Sermon notes

As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



Title of Sermon:

What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?



Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something that you heard in the sermon today.

Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____

but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is... _____

_____ ...changes the way I...

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Equal Wages - Monday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Matthew 20:1-16

The disciples were expecting greater rewards than other followers of Jesus because they had followed Jesus from the beginning of His ministry. However, God does not give rewards based upon how long one has followed Jesus. So, Jesus told this parable to His disciples. Complete the puzzle to see what the characters and objects in the story picture in the kingdom of God.

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Master		<u> S U S</u> 3 12 22 2 22
Laborers	<u> S</u> 4 23 22 8 23 9 21 12 22	<u> L S</u> 25 15 7 21 4
Vineyard	<u>U S A V</u> 2 18 22 16 26 12 4	<u> R L</u> 25 15 7 21 4
Denarius	<u> S A L V A T</u> 22 16 21 26 16 11 23 15 18	

Application:

A “denarius” is equal to one day’s pay. So, let’s see how much money that would be in Indiana today. In 2024, the average pay in Indianapolis was \$49,020 for the year. What would the WEEKLY pay be 2024? (Hint: divide the yearly pay by the number of weeks in a year, 52.) Now, take that number and divide it by 5 to get the DAILY pay.

$$52 \overline{)49,020}$$

$$5 \overline{) \quad \quad \quad}$$

Master of the House...What does it mean if someone is a “master” (examples: master chef, master mechanic, master musician)? _____

Who are some of your “masters”? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Equal Wages - Tuesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Matthew 20:1-7

The parable begins with the Master going into the marketplace to find workers for his vineyard. Men who did not have any work to do would gather in the marketplace so that those needing workers could come and hire them for the day. This is still practiced in many places today. In fact, there are even places in Indianapolis where you can find a group of men every morning waiting to be hired for the day.

How many times did the Master hire workers from the marketplace?

- a. 1 time
- b. 5 times
- c. 3 times
- d. 7 times

The times mentioned in the parable would be based on the Jewish workday beginning around 6:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. If the 1st hour of the day was 7:00 a.m., what were the other times when the Master went into the marketplace to hire workers? How many hours would each group work?

3rd Hour = ___:___ a.m. Hours worked = ___

6th Hour = ___:___ p.m. Hours worked = ___

9th Hour = ___:___ p.m. Hours worked = ___

11th Hour = ___:___ p.m. Hours worked = ___

This Master was both fair and good. A denarius was fair pay for a full 12-hour workday. The Master was also very good because He was willing to hire the workers that no one else wanted, even though there was only 1 hour left in the workday!

Application:

This is a picture of Jesus calling people to be His disciples and serve in His kingdom. Jesus doesn't call disciples based upon what they can give to Him. The only thing any man can give to Jesus is his sin and that deserves Jesus' punishment (wages) of death.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Equal Wages - Wednesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Matthew 20:8-10

In these verses, we read about Jesus' surprise ending to the story. This surprise ending drives the main point of the spiritual lesson behind the story. Since these workers were only hired to work for the day, it was common practice to pay them at the end of the day.

Which workers were paid 1st? _____

How much were these workers paid? _____

Had the Master told them how much they would be paid (vv 6-7)?

YES NO

Who were the last ones to be paid? _____

How much were these workers paid? _____

Had the Master told them how much they would be paid (v 2)?

YES NO

When the workers who had worked for 12 hours saw that those who had worked 1 hour received a denarius for pay, the 1st workers thought that they would receive more pay.

True OR False The 1st workers agreed to work 12 hours for a denarius.

True OR False A denarius was fair pay for 12 hours of work.

Application:

Who hired the workers? _____ Whose money was used to pay the workers? _____ Who had the right to use the money however he chose to use it? _____

In the same way, as King of kings, Jesus can choose whomever He wants to be His disciples and to use them however He wants to use them.

If you are a child of God, thank Him for choosing you to be His disciple, even though you don't deserve it.

If you aren't His disciple, ask Him to "hire" you by giving you the gracious gift of faith and repentance.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Equal Wages - Thursday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Matthew 20:11-12

The workers had been happy to do the work for one denarius until they saw that those who had done 1/12 of the work had received the same pay. How did they respond to receiving the same pay as those who had only worked one hour (v 11)? *Grumbled* OR *Rejoiced*

Did they think the Master was fair for paying them exactly what he had promised, since these other workers were paid the same (v 12)? _____
Did they like that the Master considered all the workers equal? _____

As Master, Jesus called the 12 disciples to be workers in His vineyard, to spread the good news about Him to the unsaved world. Although the 12 disciples were called to do this job 1st, they wouldn't be more deserving of Jesus' salvation than those called right before Jesus' return.

Even if the 12 disciples were good Jews, they would not be more deserving than wicked Gentiles who would submit to God's rule in their lives and repent of their sins. Both are saved by grace alone.

Application:

Who deserves to be a part of God's kingdom the most?

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| a. <i>Apostle Paul</i> | c. <i>You</i> |
| b. <i>Adolph Hitler</i> | d. <i>No one deserves it</i> |

Who deserves to be blessed by God the most?

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| a. <i>Moses</i> | c. <i>You</i> |
| b. <i>Apostle Paul</i> | d. <i>No one deserves it</i> |

Since no one deserves God's blessings, can anyone say that they are more special to God? _____ On the other hand, can anyone say that they are too sinful to be saved by God? _____ What does EVERYONE deserve (*Romans 6:23*)? _____

The fact that you are alive today is a gift of God's grace to you that you might hear His Word, see your sin, trust in Jesus as your Savior, and repent of your sins. Have you received His gift of grace? _____
Will you receive it today? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Equal Wages - Friday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Matthew 20:13-16

Who needed a job? _____

Who did the hiring? _____

Who decided how much was to be paid? _____

Whose money was used to pay the workers? _____

May the Master do what he wants to with his money? _____

Did he do exactly what he said he would do? _____

The Master was faithful to his promise and sovereign over his money. The complaining workers' problem was not the Master but their own hearts. The workers were jealous because good was done to someone else, someone they didn't think deserved it. They thought they were deserving of more pay and were upset when they didn't get more.

Application:

The Master is a picture of God, who has the right to give salvation to whomever He wishes. He can give the same salvation to the person saved for 40 years as to the one who is saved for 4 hours. The parable teaches us to let God be both gracious and sovereign, to be content with serving Him, and to rejoice with however God chooses to bless others.

Do you need to be saved from your sin? YES NO

Who is the only One who can save you? _____

Who decides how you are saved? _____

Who rules heaven & the blessings you may get one day? _____

Will God do exactly what He says He will do? YES NO

Should you complain or rejoice when God saves someone who's been mean to you? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Equal Wages - Saturday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Matthew 20:17-28; Titus 3:3-8*

The disciples weren't the only ones who wanted special treatment from Jesus. Who else wanted Jesus to give James and John a special place in God's kingdom? _____

In the middle of the parable and this argument about who would get to sit next to Jesus in heaven, Jesus talks about what true greatness looks like. Jesus was about to ride into Jerusalem as the King of the Jews, but what did Jesus say would happen to Him when He did (vv 18-19)?

<i>Be crowned King</i>	OR	<i>Be condemned to death</i>
<i>Be praised by Jews</i>	OR	<i>Be delivered to Romans</i>
<i>Be worshiped as God</i>	OR	<i>Be crucified as a criminal</i>
<i>Be buried and forgotten</i>	OR	<i>Be raised in 3 days</i>

Application:

Jesus' life is an example of what a truly great servant of God looks like. *Matthew 20:26-28 (ESV)* — ²⁶ ...But whoever would be _____ among you must be your _____, ²⁷ and whoever would be _____ among you must be your _____, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came _____ to be _____ but to _____, and to _____ his life as a ransom for many."

Don't ask God what He's giving to you because you're so good...ask Him what you can give to Him because **HE's** so good!

Titus 3:3-8 (ESV) -³ For we ourselves were once foolish, d_____, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the g_____ and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ **HE** saved us, not because of w_____ done by u__ in righteousness, but according to **H**__ own m_____, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the **H**_____ **S**_____, ⁶ whom **HE** poured out on us richly through **J**_____ **Christ** our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by **HIS** grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Prayer Journal

Honor God with your praises and respect

Examine your life for sin and confess it to God

Ask God to supply for your personal needs

Request God's help for the needs of others

Thank God for blessing you every day

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Gray Road Baptist Church, Children's Ministries

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THE PRAISE FACTORY

Join us on Wednesday nights - 7:00-8:15

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UNIT #7: The Law-giving God

Unit #7: What are God's laws like?

Unit #7 Answer: God's laws are perfect.

Unit #7 Verse: *Psalm 19:7*

Big Idea #30: God's laws are written in the Bible.

Big Idea #30 Verse: *Deuteronomy 5:1*

Big Idea #31: God created us as perfect law keepers, but we are all lawbreakers.

Big Idea #31 Verse: *Psalm 14:2-3*

Big Idea #32: God gave us His laws to convict us of our sin that we might be saved.

Big Idea #32 Verse: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Big Idea #33: Jesus kept God's law perfectly so He could save His people by grace

Big Idea #33 Verse: *1 Peter 3:18*

Big Idea #34: The heart of God's law is love.

Big Idea #34 Verse: *Matthew 22:36-40*

UNIT #14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers

Unit #14: How does God want us to pray?

Unit #14 Answer: Every night and every day.

Unit #14 Verse: *Luke 18:1 - And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.*

Big Idea #81: God delights in our ADORATION of Him.

Big Idea #81 Verse: *Psalm 40:16*

Big Idea #82: God delights in our humble CONFESSION of sin.

Big Idea #82 Verse: *Psalm 32:1-5*

Big Idea #83: God delights in our THANKSGIVING to Him.

Big Idea #83 Verse: *Psalm 105:1-3*

Big Idea #84: God delights in our SUPPLICATIONS to Him.

Big Idea #84 Verse: *Psalm 5:1-3*

¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning. ² Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. ³ O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.