

THE LAST WILL BE FIRST

Matthew 20:1-16

Key verse 16

1. What did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven to? (1; Isa 5) Who is the landowner? Who are the workers and how is the work meaningful? What did the landowner agree with the workers he hired? (2)
2. Read verses 3-7. What did the landowner do throughout the course of the day? At what times did he go out? What did he promise to pay each of these workers? What do we learn about God's heart? About life?
3. In what order would the workers be paid? (8) What did the first workers expect? (10) What caused them to complain? (22-23) How might a Christian complain in a similar way?
4. How is God both fair and generous? (13-15) Why is this His right? What did the workers forget? How is God's way of rewarding different from this world? What should our attitude be as a worker in God's vineyard? (16) Why might Jesus have given this parable? (Mt 19:27)