



Sermon Questions: *The Laborers in the Vineyard*

Date: *October 31, 2021* | Scripture: *Matthew 20:1-16*

1. Where do you see yourself in this parable? For whom do you have sympathy in the passage?
2. Consider your experience of following Jesus. How long have you been working in the vineyard? At what hour were you called into the vineyard?
3. Rev'd Lietzen quoted Dr Jim Cofield, saying that 'sacrifice will always turn into entitlement unless grace intervenes.' How do we see this in the parable? And how has this manifested in your life?
4. In the sermon, we heard how one element of God's justice is that he always does what he says he will do. Look at verses 13-15. How does considering God's grace and justice help us to contend with our entitlement and envy?
5. The workers in the vineyard are each given a denarius, a fair wage for a day's work. How does the reward promised to those who follow Jesus compare to this?

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner, rather than the whole group.

1. Where might the Spirit be nudging you to see and confront envy and entitlement in your own life?
2. Envy and entitlement often reveal what we are truly living for. As you repent, what does your envy and entitlement reveal about the idols competing for your devotion?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 1:19-33
- Psalm 106
- Jeremiah 33:1-16
- Matthew 20:17-28
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- James 1:9-12

Pray for our mission partners at the online prayer meeting this Thursday evening (see website for details)

Listen to the Spotify playlist, [The Storytelling Savior: Parables in the Gospel of Matthew](#)

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

You can also find additional resources on our website: capitalpres.org