

Life Group Questions

Getting Started

1. What do you think it would be like to have Jesus as your boss at work?

Sermon

2. Jesus begins many of his stories with the words, “The kingdom of heaven is like...” What is he referring to when he says “the kingdom of heaven”?

Scripture

Read Matthew 20:1-16

3. Who do each group of workers represent?
 - the 3rd hour workers
 - the 6th hour workers
 - the 9th hour workers
 - the 11th hour workers

4. What do you think about the master of the vineyard? Is he just? Is he generous? Is he good? Is he a good business man?

Study

5. The only group of workers who negotiated a specific wage was the first (v 2). To the rest the master said, “I’ll pay you whatever is right” (v 4). Why does Jesus include these details in his story?
6. Look at verse 12. Is everyone equal in the kingdom of heaven? Defend your answer.

Read Matthew 19:16-22

7. What does the Q&A between Jesus and this man have to do with the story Jesus tells in Matthew 20:1-16?
8. After hearing this parable, do you think it is better to be an early riser or a latecomer in the kingdom of heaven?



Not Fair
Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon Notes

Taking It Home

9. These words, “the last will be first, and the first last,” come at the beginning and the end of this story (Matthew 19:30; 20:16). In what ways do you live out this principle in your life?

Religion is a _____.

Christianity is _____.

Prayer

How can your Life Group be praying for you this week?

Prayers for Rolling Hills:

- Pray for the high school retreat this Veteran’s Day weekend, that it would be a significant time of growing like Jesus grew (in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and one another, Luke 2:52).
- Pray for a couple upcoming “Welcome Home” events:
 - “An East Bay Thanksgiving” Celebration and Potluck, Sunday, November 19
 - “Polar Express Pajama Party” Movie Night, Saturday, December 2

Grace is never _____. It’s always _____.

Announcements

- Sunday, November 19, 10:30am-1:00pm, at Rolling Hills: “An East Bay Thanksgiving” Celebration and Potluck
 - I’ll be bringing (enough for 16)
 - salad
 - stuffing
 - carb side dish
 - veggie dish
 - dessert

God is _____.