

# The Stories Jesus Told

## Sermon #9

### The Laborers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16

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#### The setting. Matthew 19:16

- The \_\_\_\_\_ creates a problem for us in understanding this parable. Note Matthew 19:30 and 20:16
- The chapter divisions commonly used today were developed by Stephen Langton, an Archbishop of Canterbury around A.D. 1227.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ approaches as Jesus is on the trans-Jordan heading to Jerusalem to die...

#### The story/parable. Matthew 20

- In response to what has just occurred Jesus speaks a parable not to the unbelieving Pharisees but to his \_\_\_\_\_.
- The “kingdom of heaven is like”...God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is much different than business models.
- Dr. Joel Gregory titles this, the \_\_\_\_\_ in one of his sermons.
- Men hired to work at 6:00, 9:00, 12:00, 3:00 and 5:00 all to work in the vineyard.

#### The suspense. Matthew 20:8-15

- Those hired first at 6:00am \_\_\_\_\_ that they would receive more and were \_\_\_\_\_ because they received the same amount as those that worked on one hour. Can you imagine how the EEOC would respond to this today?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1.) Matthew 19:27 Peter is pondering his \_\_\_\_\_ as a mercenary follower of Jesus. (2.) Matthew 20:2 “\_\_\_\_\_” a contractual binding of the 6:00am workers.

#### The sequitur—the conclusion or inference from this parable.

1. If we are not careful we will find ourselves serving in with the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God does not desire us to serve him based on what we are going \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God wants us to serve him and leave all the \_\_\_\_\_ at His discretion.