

b. God is a _____, whose _____ response is
_____ and _____

c. No matter how _____ you _____, you are
_____ and equally _____

d. _____ – There are those who seek to _____
the Master's _____ and _____ him to
_____ you of it.

8. Are there any other comments or lessons from the message
you want to discuss?

Response – Making it Practical

1. Where has fairness played havoc in your life?
2. What is one prayer you make this week based on this study?

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Life Group Study Notes

Study based on Matthew 20:1-16 - October 30, 2016

We all instinctively want fairness. In fact, we see fairness as the great equalizer to the injustice we experience. What if there was something greater than fairness?

In this message Jesus tells a common story about work and the satisfaction of being productive. But as with all of the stories that Jesus told, there's a twist. Just when you think the story will have an ending that's predictable, Jesus throws a curve that illustrates a common misunderstanding we all have, and the trouble it creates.

Jesus uses a simple story to teach a timeless truth about the Kingdom of Heaven, and the expectations that are part of being a Christ-follower.



Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

1. Can you, in one sentence, summarize the teaching of last week's study or sermon?

Read Matthew 20:1-16

2. When is our pursuit of fairness positive, and when is it negative? Is it easy to acknowledge the difference?

3. What can we expect in the story Jesus is about to tell based on the opening statement?
4. The landowner hires workers at five different times of the day. Were they all told what they were being paid and what would their natural expectations have been? Do our natural expectations, especially in the area of fairness, sometimes cause us to miss God's grace?
5. What is the greater battle in our culture-being underpaid, equal pay for equal work, or being overpaid? What is the payment issue in this story?
6. Verses 15 & 16 are the key verses of the parable. First, how do these verses present God, and how do they represent the values of his Kingdom?
7. Expand on the points given in the message
 - a. _____ in the Kingdom of Heaven is based on _____, while _____ it is based on _____