

SEASONS**Week 3: Fall, The Drag**

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⇒ *Leaders: note items marked with the arrows are key discussion questions if you're short on time.*

WARM-UP

Describe an instance in your life, or in the life of someone you know, in which the treatment or reaction received was unfair.

INTRODUCTION

Read or Review **Matthew 20:1-16**

- ⇒ Discuss what you think the main message was that Jesus was sharing with the people through a parable.
 - Why do you think he used a parable to teach them something?
- ⇒ Is there anything confusing to you about this story? If so, pause to discuss more.
- ⇒ How would you have felt if you were one of the first workers who had been hired?
- ⇒ What about if you were one of the last workers hired for the day?
- ⇒ In this parable, what is Jesus referring to when he speaks about sending workers into the fields? How does this apply to us today?
- ⇒ In what ways do we, believers in the church, have the same attitude as these workers when it comes to serving or telling others about Christ?
 - Discuss how pride might creep in for those who have had a relationship with Jesus for a long time. How can we check our pride?
- ⇒ In the parable above, one person received grace, while another grumbled about it. When have you caught yourself grumbling because God chose to show grace to someone else?
 - What do you think that feeling is rooted in?

BIBLE APPLICATION

- ⇒ In what ways do we become spiritually complacent? Other ways of looking at this could be “lukewarm” or “idleness.” (**Revelation 3:15-19; Matthew 7:16-2; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9**)
- ⇒ Discuss what you think Jesus meant in **Matthew 20:16?** (Look at Matthew 19:30 also.)

⇒ How does the world’s opinion of being first or last differ from God’s opinion of first and last?

Read John 4:34-38

- ⇒ What does it mean when it talks about “harvest”?
- ⇒ Think about the statement, “The fields are ripe and workers are needed.” What does it mean to be ripe?
 - Describe some of the signs that the people in our world are “ripe” for the harvest.
- ⇒ Why is it crucial to have enough workers during the harvest? What happens if there are not enough to complete the harvest?

Read 1 Peter 3:15-17.

- Discuss and share with each other how you can apply these verses to your life and your situation, to assist you in always being at work in the harvest?
- We were not saved to sit back and watch others do the work. Discuss what thoughts, feelings or emotions this statement might evoke in you.
 - What actions can you take in regard to those thoughts, feelings or emotions?

NEXT STEPS / ACTION

- ⇒ Jesus gave us what is often called “The Great Commission.” (Matthew 28:19-20) What was his command for **all** who believe in him?
- ⇒ Think about what scripture or statement from this week’s message had the most impact on you. What do you think God is telling you through that scripture or statement?
- ⇒ What step(s) do you feel God is calling you to take to help reach the 10,000?
- ⇒ What do you need to ask the group or someone in the group to pray over for you this week so that you will take that step?

PRAYER

Pray that God would bring about an unprecedented number of people coming to know Jesus. Ask for eyes to be opened to people around us who are ready to hear the gospel.

