

Matthew 20:1-16, NKJV

Subject: A Few 'F' words

Mat 20:1 For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Mat 20:2 "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

Mat 20:3 "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

Mat 20:4 "And said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.

Mat 20:5 "Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

Mat 20:6 "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'

Mat 20:7 "They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'

Mat 20:8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.'

Mat 20:9 "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.

Mat 20:10 "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.

Mat 20:11 "And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,

Mat 20:12 "Saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'

Mat 20:13 “But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’

Mat 20:14 ‘Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.

Mat 20:15 ‘Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’

Mat 20:16 “So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

Introduction:

- Parables are the use of an illustration, often taken from everyday life, to communicate a deeper moral lesson or spiritual truth. It’s a tool used to get the listener to think and understand
- 48 times Jesus used parables between Matthew, Mark, Luke...John does not us any parables
- Kingdom of Heaven is used only in Matthew over 30 times
- Kingdom of God is used in Mark and Luke
- Every Kingdom has: King, Subjects, Territory (Physical and Spiritual)
- Kingdom of heaven is about God’s rule in the hearts and lives of people
- God’s reward (heaven itself) for those who have submitted to His rule in a relationship with him

Sermon Points

1. I’m **Free** (vss 3, 5, 9)
2. That’s **False** (vs 10)
3. Get out of your **Flesh** (vs 11)
4. Stay **Focused** (vs 12)
5. God is always **Fair** (vs 13)
6. Look at the **Fortune** (vs 14)
7. Don’t be **Foolish** (vs 15)
8. The value of being **First** (vs 16)