

Women's Bible Study Discussion Questions

Matthew 20

1. Based on your reading of verses 1-28 and Chapter 19:23-30, who is Jesus' primary audience? What other people may have also been listening to Him as well (in Chapter 19:2, 3,10,13,16)? Does your awareness of this larger audience change how you interpret Jesus' teaching in this chapter?
2. As you read verses 1-16, The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard, write down your initial reaction to this parable. Compare your reaction to the laborers' attitude in verses 10-12.
3. Based in your reading of verses 1-16, list some of the attributes of the master of the house. In what ways does he bless those laborers who are hired later in the day?
4. What do you think would have been the *right* attitude of the laborers who were hired at the beginning of the day? How might they have responded differently to the generosity of the master and to their fellow laborers?
5. Notice that Jesus begins this parable with the word, "For", which links us to the previous passage. Considering the conversation that Jesus had with his disciples in Chapter 19, why do you think he now gives them the parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard?
6. In verses 17-28, Jesus continues to explain to his disciples (and their mother!) that "the last will be first and the first last". Given this characteristic of the Kingdom of God, what are the ways you would like your attitude towards God and others to be changed? Consider sharing this with your discussion group and asking the Holy Spirit to change you (and the church) in this area.