



First and Last in the Vineyard

Generosity · Lectionary 25 · Season After Pentecost · 3rd/4th
Matthew 20:1-16

This Sunday, we learned about the first and last in the Vineyard in Matthew 20:1-16. As a family, read this passage together!

- **WHAT'S HAPPENING?:** During the Season after Pentecost, the church focuses on living in community, growing in faith, and discipleship. This parable reminds the church of Christ's generosity and encourages the whole community to extend generosity even when we think others don't deserve it. This story reveals that the kingdom of God operates according to God's notions of fairness, grace, and generosity, not our notions of those things.
- **QUESTION OF THE DAY:** Which group worked the longest? The shortest? Why did Jesus say everyone got paid the same? The landowner said he was being generous. What does that mean? How is God's love generous? When has someone been generous to you?
- **BIBLE BIT:** In Jesus' time laborers lived at the whim of the landowners. Since there were more workers than jobs, a job that paid a fair wage was an incredible gift.