



First and Last in the Vineyard

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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:** How does the landowner demonstrate generosity to the workers? Why are some of the workers upset with their payment? What is this parable saying to you about God's generosity? Generosity isn't always fair. When have you seen that play out in your life?
- **BIBLE BIT:** This parable is one of eleven instances in Matthew when Jesus talks about the kingdom of heaven.



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Most of them are found in chapter 13.