



First and Last in the Vineyard

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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:** Who worked the hardest? Those who arrive in the morning, midday, afternoon or evening? I wonder why the vineyard owner paid all the workers the same amount, even though some worked more than others. How can someone who is last be first? Or someone who is first be last? What surprised you about Jesus thinks is fair?
- **BIBLE BIT:** When grapes appear in the Bible, they are often a symbol for fruitfulness, gladness, and ripe harvest.



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Grapes also remind us of the wine shared at the Last Supper.