

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?...

A Video Bible Study Series

(John 6:68, NIV)

PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

PARABLES OF JESUS SERIES (MATTHEW 20:1-16)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did the vineyard owner tell the workers that he hired?

- He told the workers hired first that he would give them the usual pay for a day's work. He told the rest of the workers He hired later that he would give them the pay that was right.

2. Why were the first workers upset with the vineyard owner at the end of the day?

- They were upset because the owner paid the last workers the same wages that he paid the first workers hired. The first workers didn't think it was fair because they had worked all day and the last workers had not.

3. How did the vineyard owner respond to the first workers' complaints?

- The owner said that he was being fair to them. The first workers had agreed to the usual day's wage. The workers hired last agreed to being paid what was right. The vineyard owner was being generous and wanted to give the last workers the same pay as the first workers.
- God is that way. He is generous to all who believe in Him! God loves us and wants us to be with Him always.
- This parable teaches us that salvation is the same generous gift for anyone who believes in Jesus. It doesn't matter if you grew up in church, or if at this very moment you have given your heart to God. If you believe that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, you will have eternal life!



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4. What was Jesus' message through the parable?

- It doesn't matter if you have been a Christian all your life, or if you have just become one. Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will receive eternal life.
- **John 3:16;** "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life."

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you praise God for giving eternal life to everyone who believes in Jesus? What if that person has been mean to you or just became a believer?

2. Do you think it's unfair for God to do that? If so, why?

- Perhaps you may not think God is fair if you have been a strong believer all your life, and someone who lived a bad life just became a Christian. However, remember that God wants everyone to know Him! It's important to share with others about God, so they might come to believe in Jesus. And it's important to rejoice when a person who was lost has been found by God!

