


# The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

MATTHEW 20:1-16

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- ▶ Context begins in 19:16
  - ▶ The parable of the laborers in the vineyard is told as further explanation
  - ▶ Significant elements of the parable
    - ▶ A landowner – God
    - ▶ His vineyard – the church, the kingdom of God
    - ▶ Went out to hire – the gospel call goes out
    - ▶ Laborers – men and women of all ages
    - ▶ Laborers hired at different times of the day – men and women called by the gospel at different times and ages
    - ▶ Payment came at end of day – reward given at end of life's day
    - ▶ Same reward for all
    - ▶ Attitude of the first-hired exposed and condemned



1. Need to be *in the Lord's kingdom*

2. Need to *labor* in the Lord's kingdom in order to receive the reward

3. The same reward regardless of start time

4. God is good

5. Watch your attitude in the kingdom of God

6. Respond to the gospel when called