



March 5, 2023, Laborers in the Vineyard

Matthew 20:1-16

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Jesus told a parable that was hard to hear. Laborers hired at the end of the day were paid the same as the laborers that toiled all day long. But God's generosity is good news if you came late to the game.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:14-16)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Gracious God, you call us all into your holy work, and reward us according to your generosity, rather than our deserving. Give us the same heart of generosity toward others, in Jesus' name. Amen.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Where are wages just and where are they unjust within your community? What would happen if Jesus' idea of abundant generosity was played out in your community?
- What difference does it make to your life that you have been given abundant, unearned, generous love from God?
- For the littles: What does it feel like to get more than you were expecting? God is a generous giver—God gives us much more than we expect!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God surprise you with more. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Be an extravagant tipper this week. Notice how practicing abundant generosity changes you.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 16:5-8, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 16:1-12, *Teachings of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 16:13-23, *Jesus Foretells His Death*

Thursday, Matthew 17:9-27, *Teachings of Jesus*

Friday, Matthew 18:10-14, *Parables of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 19:1-30, *Teachings of Jesus*