

## **MATTHEW 20:1 – 16 - (The Parable of the Laborers)**

*From the New King James Version answer the following questions:*

### **Verses 1 and 2**

- When did the landowner leave his home?
- What purpose did the landowner have in mind?
- Where did the landowner want the laborers to work?
- How much did the landowner agree to pay the laborers?

### **Verses 3 and 4**

- What hour was it when the landowner went out?
- What did he observe?
- Where did he tell the landowners to go?
- How much did he promise to pay them?
- What was the laborers response?

### **Verse 5**

- How many times did the landowner go out and hire laborers?

### **Verses 6 and 7**

- What hour is it now that the landowner goes out?
- What did the landowner observe?
- What question did the landowner ask the laborers?
- What was their response?
- Where did Jesus send this group of laborers?

### **Verse 8**

- Comparing verse 1 with verse 8, how much time has elapsed?
- What new character appears?
- What was the steward told to do?
- Who was the steward supposed to pay first?

### **Verses 9 – 12**

- How much did the last group of laborers get paid?
- What did the first group of laborers think?
- How much did the first group of laborers receive?
- What was their response to their wages?
- Do you think that the words, "This isn't fair?" applied to them?

### **Verses 13 – 16**

- What was the landowner's response?
- What is the answer to the question that the landowner asks in verse 13?
- What did the landowner tell the laborers to do?
- What did the landowner do?
- What is the answer to the question in verse 15?
- What is the character of the landowner?
- What is the conclusion of the story?
- What do you think that these verses mean?

### **General Questions:**

- What do you think is the point of this parable?
- What practical lessons can you personally learn from this parable?
- Who do you think that the landowner represents? Who are the laborers?
- What do you think the wages of a denarius represents?
- Have you ever thought that "the landowner" is nicer to others than he is to you?